TOWN REPORT 1958

NORTHFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS

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NORTHFIELD'S FERRIES

There were several ferries across the Connecticut River before bridges were built there. Pictured on the front cover is the ferry slightly south of the present Bennett Meadow Bridge.

Northfield's first ferry was called Prindle Ferry. Started in 1686, *it ran from Moose Plain to the east side of the Connecticut just north of Mill Brook and near the present railroad bridge. In* 1810 *it was voted to build a bridge and in* 1849 *a wooden two decker bridge was built near the site of this present railroad bridge.*

Bennett Meadow on the west side of the Connecticut was named for James Bennett, an early explorer and settler of 1675. *The ferry at that location was the second one for Northfield. In* 1718 *the town owned a canoe and a boat or scow used to transport teams across the river to Bennett Meadow and bring home crops needed for fall and early winter. The bulk of the hay was left in stacks until there was sufficient ice to hold a team while crossing. In* 1763 *the town voted to build a house and a boat, and employ some person to keep the ferry at Bennett Meadow.*

In 1781 *it was known as Moffat's Ferry since John Moffat was employed there. It became known as Holton's Horse Boat Ferry in* 1810, *and eventually was run by George Robert Stebbins and Vernon Stebbins; at that time it was probably called Stebbins Ferry. Later a La Compte or La Comp was the ferry man until* 1896 *when Charles A. Parker took over until the Bennett Meadow Bridge was built. We understand the ferry was closed about* 1900, *although the dates vary from* 1899 *to* 1904. *Rates were generally* 10 *cents for a vehicle and* 2 *cents for foot passenger.*

The house in background is the present residence of George L. Payne. When approaching the ferry on the west side of the river, one had to go to this house to pay the toll and get the owner to take them over. From the east side, they rang a bell to alert the tender that they were waiting.

A cable ran through a roller and hitch to keep the ferry from going down stream and the operator used the current and a hand rope to maneuver the craft across.

An account of a circus coming to town was quite an event, and a large one once crossed here. As it was a very hot day several elephants got into the river and the whole day was wasted trying to get them out.

Any other information on these ferries would be appreciated by the Northfield Historical Society who contributed the picture and this information.

To the Voters of the Town of Northfield:

The American Legion wishes to express its thanks for the funds provided us by the Town to purchase suitable grave markers for the Town Cemeteries. Twenty-seven markers have been purchased with the funds allotted and these will be put in place before next Memorial Day.

Town Officers

Moderator

Edgar J. Livingston

Town Clerk

Horace F. Field

Town Treasurer

Charles F. Slate

Selectmen

Robert P. Barnes, Chmn.	Term expires March 1960
Stanley Wickey	Term expires March 1959
Corys M. Heselton	Term expires March 1961

Assessors

Clifford A. Field, Chmn.	Term expires March 1959
Winthrop E. Spencer	Term expires March 1960
Lee H. Sheldon	Term expires March 1961

Tax Collector

Roy J. Fish	Term expires March 1959

School Committee

Irving J. Lawrence	Term expires March 1959
Roy J. Fish, Chmn.	Term expires March 1960
Evelyn U. True	Term expires March 1961

Library Trustees

Louise M. Reeves	Term expires March 1959
Luman A. Barber	Term expires March 1959
Lillian G. Wells	Term expires March 1960
Winthrop W. Sanderson	Term expires March 1960
Jean P. Hatheway	Term expires March 1961
William H. Hawley	Appointment expires March 1961

Cemetery Commissioners

David G. Quinn	Term expires March 1959
Murray M. Hammond	Term expires March 1960
Owen Stacey	Term expires March 1961

Tree Warden

Joseph Bilmon	Term expires March 1959

Constable

Paul E. Chamberlin	Term expires March 1959
Joseph G. Morgan	Term expires March 1959
Niles E. Stone	Term expires March 1959
Murray M. Hammond—Farms Resident	Term expires March 1959

Planning Board

L. Percy Goodspeed	Term expires March 1959
Harvey H. Hathaway	Term expires March 1960
A. Gordon Moody	Term expires March 1961
F. Wilton Dean	Term expires March 1962
Agnes Hammond	Term expires March 1963

Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee

Irving J. Lawrence	Term expires March 1959
William H. Hawley	Appointment expires March 1961
Robert P. Barnes	Term expires March 1960

Accountant

Helen M. Stearns — Term expires July 1961

Chief of Fire Department

Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr. — Term expires 1959

Forest Fire Warden

Howard E. Williams — Term expires 1959

Deputy Fire Wardens for 1958

Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr.	Philip Mann, Jr.
Harold D. Williams	Roger Holton

Superintendent of Roads

Kenneth L. Miller — Term expires April 1959

Gypsy Moth Agent

Joseph S. Bilmon — Term expires 1959

Public Weighers for 1958

F. Myron Dunnell	Fred B. Kelly
George O. Dunnell	Frank F. Kelley
Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr.	Clarence Spaulding
Leon H. Dunnell	Roy A. Barrows
Roland Merbitt	Rubert L. Huber
Wesley Manning	Joseph Zaturka
Edward Burniske	James O'Sullivan

Inspector of Meat and Slaughtering for 1958

Leonard W. Barnes

Sealer of Weights and Measures for 1958

Warren A. Randall

Animal Inspector

Gilbert S. Hammond — Term expires April 1959

Fence Viewers for 1958

Eugene F. Hammond — Carlton W. Holton

Laurence M. Hammond

Surveyors of Wood and Timber for 1958

James E. Dresser — Fred I. Bolton

Field Drivers for 1958

William C. Walker, Jr. — Robert L. Gibson

Dog Officer for 1958

Robert L. Gibson

Pound Keeper for 1958

Robert L. Gibson

Registrars of Voters

Laurence M. Hammond, Chmn.	Term expires 1959
Edward F. Hurley	Term expires 1960
Charles D. Streeter	Term expires 1961

Horace F. Field—Clerk

Finance Committee

Charles W. Llewelyn, Chmn.	Term expires March 1959
Roger M. Greenwood	Appointment expires March 1959
Harry A. Erickson	Term expires March 1960
Herbert H. Maynard	Term expires March 1960
Donald T. Snow	Term expires March 1961
Wallace E. Stange	Term expires March 1961

Forest Wardens for 1958

Joseph S. Bilmon

Election Officers for 1958

James R. Dale	Helen M. Stearns
Helen Greene	Harrison Stacy
Flora C. Abbey	Murray M. Hammond
Edna Bistrek	Edward M. Powell, Jr.

Substitute Election Officers for 1958

Minnie Skinner	Genevieve A. Eastman
Mary L. Holton	Dorothy M. Arsenault

Selectmen's Report

The Board of Selectmen herewith submit their report for the year of 1958.

In the Town Hall some floors were refinished and varnished, considerable interior painting was done. A new fluorescent light and storm windows installed in the Nurses room. New rates have been established for the use of the hall as follows: Main hall, $15.00; Dining room, $5.00; Kitchen, $3.00; Dining hall for auctions, $10.00.

The Selectmen have sold to Mr. Vincent Sullivan of Littleton, Massachusetts, the Great Hill Pasture, Field, Merrian and Savage lots on the Four Mile Brook Road, for the sum of $1025.00.

An order for a G.M.C. four-wheel drive truck was given to Renfrew's G.M.C. Inc.

All steel repairs on Schell bridge have been completed, painting and deck repairs will resume in the spring.

Chapter 90 work included relocating a section of Mt. Hermon Station Road to eliminiate a dangerous condition brought about by the increase of traffic due to the new school and asphalt plant. Onset of winter halted completion and work will continue as soon as weather permits. Gulf Road included sealing and placement of approximately 300 feet of Flex Beam railing.

Chapter 81 included permanent surfacing a section of Northfield Farms Road, and in West Northfield, one half mile of Caldwell Road was surfaced after citizens in that area offered, without cost to the Town, men and heavy equipment to do all necessary preliminary work prior to surfacing.

An accounting of Chapter 81 expenditures follows:

1958 Chapter 81 Expenditures in the Town of Northfield

1.	Warwick Avenue	$ 16.00	9.	East Northfield Br. Road	0.00
2.	Warwick Road	32.00	10.	East Northfield Road	90.00
3.	Commonwealth Avenue	62.00	11.	Pine Street	36.00
4.	Gulf or Erving Road	1,327.01	12.	Winchester Road	62.40
5.	Murdock Hill Road	0.00	13.	Pearson Road	16.00
6.	Swamp Road	208.25	14.	Wanamaker Road	0.00
7.	Orange Road	644.22	15.	Ashuelot Road	0.00
8.	Mt. Hermon Station Road	354.80	16.	Moody Street	339.75
			17.	Birnam Road	1,110.86

18.	Holton Street	81.60	47.	East Street	1,154.00
19.	Highland Ave.	79.75	48.	Northfield Farm Rd.	2,416.13
20.	Caldwell Road	2,134.87	49.	Sturbridge Rd.	0.00
21.	River Road	318.04	50.	Dickinson St.	0.00
22.	Randall Road	82.80	51.	Bennett Brook Rd.	0.00
23.	Vernon Road	911.93	52.	Glenwood Ave.	0.00
24.	Parker Street	162.00	53.	Munn's Ferry Rd.	53.60
25.	Great Meadow Road	74.80	54.	Myrtle Street	336.35
26.	Meadow Street	731.79	55.	North Lane	186.40
27.	Bridge Street	376.70	56.	Aldrich Street	303.69
28.	Mill Street	0.00	57.	Howard Street	235.35
29.	School Street	563.45	58.	Prospect Hill Rd.	333.05
30.	St. Mary Street	0.00	59.	Slate Road	42.00
31.	Alexander Hill or		60.	Jewett Road	0.00
	Ober Mt. Rd.	945.67	61.	Gerrish Road	0.00
32.	Pratt Meadow Rd.	24.80	62.	South Mt. Br. Road	214.70
33.	Maple Street	554.45	63.	Linden Ave.	0.00
34.	Beers Plain Road	32.00	64.	Adams Rd.	0.00
35.	New Road	639.17	65.	Holly Ave.	31.20
36.	Old Wendell Road	421.20	66.	Woodruff Rd.	483.01
37.	Lyman Road	144.40	67.	Old Ferry Rd.	33.60
38.	Lucky Clapp Rd.	96.40	68.	Highland Circuit	120.40
39.	So. Mountain Road	1,377.60			
40.	Fisher Road	89.20		Total	$23,099.91
41.	Four Mile Brook Rd.	391.20			
42.	Gill Road	0.00	ALLOTMENTS:		
43.	Pine Meadow Rd.	2,096.47	State		$18,150.00
44.	Branch Rds. (2)	494.85	Town		4.950.00
45.	New State Highway	0.00			
46.	Cross Road	32.00		Total	$23,100.00

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT P. BARNES
STANLEY WICKEY
CORYS M. HESELTON

Town Clerk's Report

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistics record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians, and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

Births Recorded in 1958

Date	*Name*	*Parents*
January 1958		
3—	Smith, Deborah Yvonne	Warner H. and Jacqueline A.
15—	Whitney, John Carroll	Richard C. and Joanne C.
29—	Bourbeau, Alan Joseph	John L. and Edna S.
February		
12—	Bassett, Lynn Marie	Roger E. and Donna L.
18—	Leavis, Kimberly Gay	Gordon W. and Linda J.
23—	Howe, Alan Paul	Julius P. and Mary E.
27—	Fergie, Jo-Ann	John A. and Margaret E.
March		
16—	Tillson, Constance Anita	Raymond A. and Madgemarie M.
16—	Barnes, Ronald Lee	Leonard W. and Mavis H.
17—	Guerrin, Dennis James	George H. and Margaret A.
21—	Edson, Barbara Ann	Alden F. and Lucy S.
31—	Hanson, Alexandra Laing	Robert E. and Janet S.
May		
10—	Williams, Laurence Richard	Earl R. and Edith E.
14—	LaChance, Michael Gene	Donald E. and Veronica A.
23—	Mankowsky, Julie	Joseph M. and Louise E.
June		
2—	Winship, Bradley Mark	Ronald W. and Joan A.
4—	Huber, Barbara Jean	Donald G. and Barbara M.
8—	Johnson, David Sidney	Arthur S. and Ruth A.
11—	Jacobs, Colleen Joy	Arthur F. and Thelma C.

12—Koonz, Dennis William	Louis W. and Virginia M.
16 —Boutwell, Roger Wayne	Willard R. and Marianne E.
17—Burnor, Vernon George	Raymond F. and Patricia E.
21—Seymour, Mark Anderson	William A. and Lucille
23—Pratt, Brenda Jean	Loren E. and Eleanor J.
27—Hilliker, Brent Kleon	William H. and Barbara A.
30—Brassor, Barbara	Edmond W. and Barbara R.

July

21—Black, Donald Ray	John H. and Sacca L.
28—Stratton, Pamela Jean	Frank C. and Hazel E.
28—Stearns, Laurence Dwight	Dwight P. and Norma A.

August

23—Hammond, Laura Jean	John S. and Eleanor A.
27—Ryan, Barbara Jean	James P. and Ruth E.
30—Kozlowski, Christine Alice	Alexander and Jean E.
31—Ripley, Melanie Ann	Robert M. and Jessie M.

September

9—Abbott, Valeria Jean	Francis W. and Irene R.
10—Johnson, Lyne Susan	Stanley E. and Muriel V.
23—Johnson, Carol Marie	Charles H. and Dorena M.
29—Paine, Malorie Ann	Raymond E. and Celia M.

October

1—Bassett, Edmund Charles	Richard H. and Marion E.
13—Turner, Beth Louise	Frank S. and Jessie A.
16—Given, Stephen Peter	Sidney H. and Phyllis E.
23—Livingstone, Colleen Marie	Robert D. and Dorothy L.
29—Davis, Ruth	Clifford F. and Mary A.
26—Collis, Arthur Francis	Raymond H. and Edith M.

November

9—Deane, Maralee Hope	Roland E. and Eleanor M.
14—Call, Sharon Marie	Howard B. and Theresa E.
18—Smith, Stephen Edwin	Ivan L. and Hazel L.
21—Williams, Howard James	Howard E. and Edith L.
25—Holbrook, Deborah	Richard L. and Marian B.

December

2—Rockwell, Denise Alice	Frank J. and Theresa A.
11—Babbitt, Keith Paul	Elwood D. and Emily S.
26—Overdorff, Debra Jean	Brian L. and Jean R.

Marriages Recorded in 1958

Date	Name	Residence	Place of Marriage
January			
9	Carrier, Russell Lee Sumner, Margret Lettie	Wilmington, Vt. Wilmington, Vt.	Northfield
13	Pease, John Whitman Williams, Betty Louise	Conway, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield
February			
14	Mackin, Peter Cosgrove Dooley, Helen Louise	Montague, Mass. Dorchester, Mass.	Northfield
April			
26	Makowski, Edward Leonard Sliwa, Joyce Alice	South Deerfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield
27	Turner, Frank Sumner Jr. Mroczek, Jessie Ann	Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield
May			
3	Gorzocoski, Paul Thomas Fregeau, Eileen Una	Northfield, Mass. Chicopee, Mass.	Chicopee
9	Nimchick, Donald G. Stacey, Dorothy E.	Holyoke, Mass. Holyoke, Mass.	Northfield
June			
5	Murley, Philip Arthur Kenney, Shirley Mae	Greenfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield
19	Holloway, Marvin William St. Peter, Arline Fay	Northfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield
21	Wells, David Baguley Cook, Joan Mary	Northfield, Mass. Manchester, Mass.	Beverly Farms
July			
5	Kozma, Istvan Bassett, Marita Olive	Turners Falls, Mass. Northfield, Mass.	Turners Fls.
10	Turner, Gordon Hugh Wheeler, Alice Madeline (Davis)	South Newfane, Vt. South Newfane, Vt.	Northfield
August			
24	Flanders, Roger Morton Carpenter, Helen (Karanovic)	Palo Alto, Calif. Palo Alto, Calif.	Northfield
16	Porter, Norman Alvin McGahan, Myrna Mary	Northfield, Mass. Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield
29	Lang, Charles Oliver Fisher, Jean Barbara	Winchester, N. H. Northfield, Mass.	Northfield

? no original record

21 marriages ? Intentions

September			
26—MacKenzie, Robert MacCosh	Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield
Newton, Ellen	Northfield, Mass.	
November			
1—Reddy, Wallace Frederick Jr.	Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield
Horton, Stephanie Anne	Northfield, Mass.	
10—Saczawa, Edward James	Northfield, Mass.	Ashuelot, N. H.
Dubriske, Rose Marie	Ashuelot, N. H.	
29—Fisher, Robert Allen	Northfield, Mass.	Stowe
Herrick, Joan Gratia	Stowe, Mass.	
December			
5—Poirier, Victor Joseph Jr.	Greenfield, Mass.	Northfield
Durant, Geraldine Mae	Northfield, Mass.	
13—Brice, John T.	Northfield, Mass.	Guilford, Vt.
Bacon, Patricia A.	Brattleboro, Vt.	

Deaths Recorded in 1958

Date *Name*	*Age - Years*	*Months*	*Days*
January			
4—Blackall, Margaret Cecilia	88	0	7
14—Cook, Mary Esther (Elmer)	88	3	0
17—Freeman, Anna Bingham	95	5	24
31—Billings, Ruth Osgood	72	5	9
February			
10—Croteau, Margaret Dube	82	4	26
11—Durant, Hazel	54	10	9
14—Whitaker, Zelpha Jardine	80	6	26
17—Kiewski, Alexander Joseph	68	10	29
March			
5—Farrar, William E.	81	4	19
12—Parker, Thomas Hale	71	6	1
13—Higby, Alice Karlen	90	8	13
18—Chevalier, Amanda M.	75	10	2
26—McEwan, George	67	3	3
27—White, Herbert Earl	94	0	6
April			
3—Malbon, Caroline F. (Bruller)	79	10	2
6—Kingsbury, Nettie R.	89	7	14
8—Gage, Arthur Clarence	86	4	14
28—Kelley, Mabel Elizabeth	66	11	2

May			
12—Davis, Lena Stebbins	73	10	21
17—Taylor, Jennie W.	82	4	0
24—Ballantyne, Katherine	58	5	8
26—Fisher, Walter Clark	68	8	13
June			
8—Fritz, Anne A.	85	11	27
13—Holton, Daisy Regina	80	3	2
July			
18—Boulais, Wilfred M.	75	9	14
30—Arms, Gilbert Jarvis	81	2	28
August			
17—Farr, Mildred Thomas	78	3	10
25—Roberts, Rose Lena	91	0	3
September			
25—Thompson, Lena Reed	92	9	24
26—Williams, Frank Wallace	83	7	9
October			
10—Mattern, Clyde W.	61	0	18
11—Jack, Harvey Close	54	7	21
19—Howe, Florence Isabelle	39	7	26
23—Sawyer, Ada E. (Hardy)	88	7	18
November			
11—Irish, Albert Henry	90	6	4
18—O'Brien, Johanna	97	4	18
December			
8—Steiner, Leon	90	9	6
12—Starratt, Alida Zappey	86	1	6
20—Tuttle, Percy Lester	79	10	4
21—Esty, Thomas Cushing	88	0	13
28—Johnson, Maverette Ellen	100	2	5

Dogs Licensed in 1958

Male Dogs	155
Female	17
Female (Spayed)	101
Special Kennel, ($10)	9
Special Kennel, ($25)	2
	284

Sporting Licenses Issued in 1958

Resident Fishing	96
Resident Hunting	125
Resident Sporting	98
Resident Minor Fishing	42
Resident Women's Fishing	43
Special Non-Resident Fishing	12
Non-Resident Fishing	12
Non-Resident Minor Fishing	2
Resident Alien Fishing	0
Resident Trapping (Minor)	1
Resident Trapping	1
Non-Resident Hunting	9
Non-Resident Sporting	1
Resident Sporting (Free)	39
Duplicate	2
Old Age Fishing	1
	484

Other Licenses and Permits Issued in 1958

Alcohol (Methyl)	2
Auctioneer	1
Auctioneer (Temporary)	2
Common Victualer	5
Gasoline	16
Innkeeper	2
Junk	1
Milk	6
Oleomargarine	3
	38

Copy of the votes taken at the Annual Election held in Northfield, Mass., March 4, 1958

The polls were opened at ten o'clock, and were closed at eight o'clock P.M., and it was determined that 226 votes had been cast, 109 by women and 117 by men.

The results were as follows:

Town Clerk, 1 year		
Horace F. Field	Two Hundred twenty	220
Blanks	Six	6
Town Treasurer, 1 year		
Charles F. Slate	Two Hundred twenty-two	222
Blanks	Four	4

Selectman, 3 years		
Corys M. Heselton	Two Hundred fourteen	214
Wallace Stange	One	1
James R. Dale	One	1
Blanks	Ten	10
Assessor, 3 years		
Lee H. Sheldon	Two Hundred sixteen	216
Blanks	Ten	10
Moderator, 1 year		
Edgar J. Livingston	Two Hundred six	206
Blanks	Twenty	20
School Committee, 3 years		
Evelyn U. True	Two Hundred five	205
Virginia Callaghan	One	1
Blanks	Twenty	20
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years		
Owen Stacey	Two Hundred nine	209
Blanks	Seventeen	17
Library Trustees, 3 years		
Jean P. Hathaway	Two Hundred three	203
William H. Hawley	Two Hundred eight	208
Blanks	Forty-one	41
Tree Warden, 1 year		
Joseph Bilmon	Two Hundred nineteen	219
Blanks	Seven	7
Tax Collector, 1 year		
Roy J. Fish	Two Hundred eight	208
Blanks	Eighteen	18
Constables, 1 year		
Paul E. Chamberlin	Two Hundred sixteen	216
Joseph G. Morgan	Two Hundred ten	210
Niles E. Stone	Two Hundred fourteen	214
Blanks	Thirty-eight	38
Constable, resident Northfield Farms		
Murray M. Hammond	Two Hundred eight	208
Blanks	Eighteen	18
Planning Board, 5 years		
Agnes F. Hammond	Two Hundred seven	207
Blanks	Nineteen	19
Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee, ? years		
William H. Hawley	Two Hundred ten	210
Blanks	Sixteen	16

After the announcement of the reesults, the meeting was closed to be reopened on Tuesday, March 4th, 1958 at 7 o'clock in accordance with the foregoing Warrant.

Town Clerk

Copy of the Votes taken March 4, 1958 on the articles in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

Article 1. As it was stated by the Moderator that no action need be taken on the reports as printed in the Town Report, no action was taken under this article.

Article 2. Voted: To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1958, and to issue a note or notes thereof, payable within one year, and to renew such notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws; any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1958.

Article 3. Voted: To empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town.

Article 4. Voted: To fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, as follows:

Selectmen and Welfare Boards:		Town Moderator	25
Chairman of Board	$325 $75	Treasurer	900
Second Member	325 75	Tax Collector	750
Third Member	325 75	Town Clerk	500
Assessors:		School Committee:	
First Member	300	Chairman	100
Second Member	300	Second Member	100
Third Member	300	Third Member	100

Article 5. Voted: To raise and appropriate such sum of money as shall be necessary for salaries and other Town Charges:

Selectmen's & Welfare Board Salary	$1,200	Town Clerk's Salary	500
Selectmen's Expense a/c	350	Town Clerk's Expense a/c	80
Assessors' Salary	900	Town Moderator's Salary	25
Assessors' Expense a/c	300	Moderator's Expense a/c	15
Treasurer's Salary	900	Aid to Dep. Children	5000
Treasurer's Expense a/c	400	General Relief	5000
Tax Collector's Salary	750	Disability Assistance	3000
School Committee Salary	300	Public Welfare Adm.	3000
Highway Supt. Expense a/c	125	Soldiers' Relief	3000
Finance Committee Exp. a/c	25	Mach. Maint. a/c (Trans. from Road Mach Fund)	6700
Planning Board Expense	50	Elections and Registrations	1200
Fence Viewers Expense	25	Fire & Casualty Inc.	5600
Field Drivers Expense	25	Interest Acct.	300

Legal Expense	250	Maturing Debt	3000
Town Acct. Exp. a/c	75	Interest	1188
Town Accountant's Salary	950	Old Age Assistance	40,000
Sealer Wgts. & Meas. Salary	150	Alexander Hall	250
Sealer's Expense a/c	40	Damages	300
Inspection of Animals	175	Town Clock & Fountain	125
Dog Officer & Expense	175	Town Reports	1800
Insp. Meat & Slaughtering	50	Snow Removal	9000
Schools	91,388	Public Safety	50
Fire Dept.	2500	Protection Tax Title Prop.	25
Maintenance Water Holes	400	Public Health	1300
P. V. Regional School		Highway Bonds, Surveys	
Operating Budget	82,034.87	and Plans	250
Capital Budget	31,177.54	Wire Insp. & Expense	50
Fire Station Bonds		Town Hall care	6000

Article 6. Voted: That the Town authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as clerk of the board, and that the salary be $700 in accordance with Section 4a, Chapter 41, General Laws, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Article 7. Voted: That the town authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of state highways, and raise and appropriate the sum of $4,950.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 highway repairs and improvements, and the sum of $18,150.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State to be restored upon its receipt to the unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 8. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000 to meet the Town's share of Chapter 90 highway construction, and to meet said appropriation that the sum of $2,000.00 be transferred from the proceeds received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956, and in addition that the sum of $12,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, to meet the State's and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State and County to be restored upon its receipt to the unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 9. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 to meet the Town's share of Chapter 90 highway maintenance, and in addition the sum of $3,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State and the County to be restored upon its receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 10. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate $3,500.00 for bridges, railings and highway work.

Article 11. Voted: To raise and appropriate $100.00 for tools for highway work.

Article 12. Voted: To raise and approproate $1,000.00 for repairs and new construction of sidewalks.

Article 13. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 for salaries of the Northfield members of the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee—$100.00 to each member.

Article 14. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate $350.00 to trade the Town Accountant's adding machine.

Article 15. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of $150.00 for the use of the Field Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 16. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $5,950.00 for the operation of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this sum to include the fines collected and the dog tax.

Article 17. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $6,610.00 for lighting the streets.

Article 18. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate $400.00 for the care of the playground and athletic field—$200.00 for maintenance and $200.00 for improvement, this sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee.

Article 19. Voted: That the Town receive the report of the Summer Playground Program Committee and that the Committee be discharged. Report filed herewith.

Article 20. Voted: By a show of hands—85 yes, 50 no—that the town raise and appropriate $500.00 to finance a summer playground program for the children of Northfield, and authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to make provision for the same.

Article 21. Voted: To accept the report of the Revaluation Equalization Committee, and that the Committee be continued.

Article 22. Voted and passed over.

Article 23. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 to be expended by the Board of Assessors to start an equalization of real estate program in the Town.

Article 24. Voted: To raise and appropriate $1,000.00 for the care, maintenance and improvement of the Fire Station and Town Garage.

Article 25. Voted: To raise and appropriate $775.00 for the Fire Department to use to purchase hose and other miscellaneous equipment.

Article 26. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate $800.00 for the preservation and care of shade trees, under the direction of the Tree Warden.

Article 27. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate $200.00 for planting shade trees on the Public Ways, to replace those lost by disease or other causes.

Article 28. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate $1,800. to combat Dutch Elm disease.

Article 29. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate $1,000 for the control and suppression of other public nuisances.

Article 30. Voted: To raise and appropriate $2,800.00 for the salary of the Public Health Nurse and substitute nurse.

Article 31. Voted: To raise and appropriate $75.00 for the Public Health Nurse's Expense Account.

Article 32. Voted: To raise and appropriate $300.00 for the expense of the Public Health Nurse's car.

Article 33. Voted: To raise and appropriate $400.00 for hydrant service for sixteen hydrants, to be paid to the Northfield Water Company for fire protection.

Article 34. Voted: That the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to study the advisability of purchasing the Northfield Water Company, and preparing a tentative plan to purchase and operate the same.

Article 35. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate $200.00 to be used to purchase fish to be liberated in the streams of Northfield, under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Article 36. Voted: To accept the report of the Committee investigating Group Life and Accident Insurance for Town Employees. Report filed herewith.

Article 37. Voted and passed over.

Article 38. Voted and passed over.

Article 30. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate $275.00 to be expended under the direction of the Northfield Post of the American Legion and the Northfield Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the purpose of celebrating Memorial Day.

Article 40. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate $2,000 for the care and preservation of Cemeteries.

Article 41. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate $750.00 for Constables' pay and expense.

Article 42. Voted: To raise and appropriate $100.00 for necessary repairs to discontinued School Buildings.

Article 43. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate $150.00 for Civil Defense purposes, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and the Civil Defense Committee.

Article 44. Voted: By a recorded vote of 107 Yes and 6 No, that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of repairing and painting Schell Memorial Bridge as recommended by the Department of Public Works, and to meet said appropriation that the sum of $2,000.00 be transferred from the proceeds of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956 to meet the Town's share of the cost of the work, and that in addition, the Town borrow the sum of $11,000.00 to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work.

Article 45. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate $300.00 to meet foreclosure cost on tax titles.

Article 46. Voted and passed over.

Article 47. Voted: That the Town authorize the Finance Committee to make a study of the salaries of the Town Officers, to recommend changes where necessary, and to report at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 48. Voted: By written ballot, Yes—66, No—79, that the Town do not accept that Building By-Law (filed herewith) as proposed by the Planning Board.

Article 49. Voted: That the Town discontinue posting warrants on Gulf Road at the corner of Orange Road.

Article 50. Voted: That the Town transfer $3,000.00 from Overlay Reserve for a Reserve Fund for the current year.

Article 51. Voted: That the Town transfer $30,000.00 from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, to be used by the Assessors in determining the 1958 tax rate.

The meeting was dissolved at 11:00 P.M.

Attest:

Town Clerk

Copy of the votes taken at the State Primary September 9, 1958

The polls were opened at 12:00 noon and closed at eight o'clock in the evening and it was found One Hundred Seventy-two ballots had been cast, Nine (9) Democratic and One Hundred Sixty-three (163) Republican. Seventy-three men and ninety-nine women cast their ballots.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Senator in Congress		
Vincent J. Celeste	One Hundred Fifty	150
Blanks	Thirteen	13
Total		163
Governor		
George Fingold		
Charles Gibbons	One Hundred Fifty-nine	159
Blanks	Four	4
Total		163
Lieutenant Governor		
Elmer C. Nelson	One Hundred Fifty-nine	159
Blanks	Four	4
Total		163
Secretary		
Marion Curran Boch	One Hundred Fifty-nine	159
Blanks	Four	4
Total		163
Treasurer		
John E. Yerxa	One Hundred Fifty-nine	159
Blanks	Four	4
Total		163
Auditor		
Thomas H. Adams	One Hundred Fifty-eight	158
Blanks	Five	5
Total		163
Attorney General		
Christian A. Herter, Jr.	One Hundred Sixty-three	163
Blanks	None	0
Total		163
Congressman, First District		
Silvio O. Conte	One Hundred Fifty-two	152
Blanks	Eleven	11
Total		163

Councillor, Eighth District		
Michael G. Kafantaris	Forty-six	46
Eunice L. Mannheim	One Hundred Thirteen	113
Blanks	Four	4
Total		163
Senator, Franklin-Hampshire		
Ralph G. Mahar	One Hundred Fifty-four	154
Blanks	Nine	9
Total		163
Representative, 1st Franklin Dist.		
Philip F. Whitmore	One Hundred Fifty-seven	157
Blanks	Six	6
Total		163
District Attorney		
Sanford Keedy	One Hundred Fifty-nine	159
Blanks	Four	4
Total		163
Clerk of Court		
Beulah U. Clifford	One Hundred Sixty	160
Blanks	Three	3
Total		163
Register of Deeds		
Carlos Allen	One Hundred Sixty	160
Blanks	Three	3
Total		163
County Commissioner		
Frank H. Reed	One Hundred Fifty-nine	159
Blanks	Four	4
Total		163

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Senator in Congress		
John F. Kennedy	Eight	8
Blanks	One	1
Total		9
Governor		
Foster Furcolo	Nine	9
Blanks	None	0
Total		9

Lieutenant Governor		
Robert F. Murphy	Eight	8
Blanks	One	1
Total		9
Secretary		
Edward J. Cronin	Nine	9
Blanks	None	0
Total		9
Treasurer		
William G. Shaughnessy	Four	4
John F. Kennedy	Five	5
Blanks	None	0
Total		9
Auditor		
Thomas J. Buckley	Nine	9
Blanks	None	0
Total		9
Attorney General		
Edward J. McCormack, Jr.	Four	4
Endicott Peabody	Four	4
Blanks	One	1
Total		9
Congressman, First District		
James M. Burns	Nine	9
William F. Stapleton	None	0
Blanks	None	0
Total		9
Councillor, Eighth District		
Raymond F. Sullivan, 227 White St.	Eight	8
Raymond F. Sullivan, 748 State St.	One	1
Blanks	None	0
Total		9
Senator, Franklin-Hampshire		
Hermas Boucher	Five	5
John G. Clark	Four	4
Blanks	None	0
Total		9
Representative, 1st Franklin Dist.		
Blanks	Nine	9

Total	Nine	9
District Attorney		
Blanks	Nine	9
Total		9
Clerk of Court		
Lucy N. Sokoloski	Two	2
Blanks	Seven	7
Total		9
Register of Deeds		
Blanks	Nine	9
Total		9
County Commissioner		
Jeremiah F. Donovan	Six	6
Blanks	Three	3
Total		9

At the close of the polls at eight o'clock, the Clerk read the result of the ballot in open meeting and the same was dissolved.

Attest:

Town Clerk

Copy of the votes taken at the State Election November 4, 1958

At the close of the balloting at eight o'clock in the evening it was found that eight hundred twenty-seven ballots had been cast. It was found that 357 men and 422 women had cast ballots in person, 46 regular and registered service absentee and 2 non-registered service ballots had been cast, of which 20 were men and 28 were women.

The result of the balloting is as follows:

Senator in Congress		
John F. Kennedy	Three hundred fifty-three	353
Vincent J. Celeste	Four hundred fifty-six	456
Lawrence Gilfedder	None	0
Mark R. Shaw	Six	6
Blanks	Twelve	12
Total		827
Governor		
Foster Furcolo	One hundred ninety-eight	198
Charles Gibbons	Six hundred fourteen	614
Henning A. Blomen	One	1
Guy S. Williams	Five	5

Blanks	Nine	9
Total		827
Lieutenant Governor		
Robert F. Murphy	Two hundred eight	208
Elmer C. Nelson	Five hundred ninety-five	595
Harold E. Bassett	Seven	7
Francis A. Votano	None	0
Blanks	Seventeen	17
Total		827
Secretary		
Edward J. Cronin	Two hundred twenty-five	225
Marion Curran Boch	Five hundred seventy-four	574
Fred M. Ingersoll	None	0
Julia B. Konler	Six	6
Blanks	Twenty-two	22
Total		827
Treasurer		
John F. Kennedy	Two hundred thirty	230
John E. Yerxa	Five hundred sixty-seven	567
Warren C. Carberg	Eight	8
John Erlandsson	One	1
Blanks	Twenty-one	21
Total		827
Auditor		
Thomas J. Buckley	Two hundred ten	210
Thomas H. Adams	Five hundred eighty-three	583
John B. Lauder	Six	6
Arne A. Sortell	One	1
Blanks	Twenty-seven	27
Total		827
Attorney General		
Christian A. Herter, Jr.	Six hundred seventy-two	672
Edward J. McCormack, Jr.	One hundred thirty-four	134
Charles A. Couper	One	1
Gustaf B. Nissen	Five	5
Blanks	Fifteen	15
Total		827
Congressman		
James M. Burns	One hundred ninety-two	192
Silvio O. Conte	Six hundred eighteen	618
Louise Stone Wilson	Five	5

Blanks	Twelve	12
Total		827
Councillor		
Raymond F. Sullivan	One hundred eighty-six	186
Eunice L. Mannheim	Five hundred ninety-nine	599
Thomas Maratea	Fourteen	14
Blanks	Twenty-eight	28
Total		827
Senator		
Ralph C. Mahar	Six hundred eighty-two	682
Hermas Boucher	One hundred fourteen	114
Matthew Maratea	Fourteen	14
Blanks	Seventeen	17
Total		827
Representative		
Philip F. Whitmore	Seven hundred fifty	750
Blanks	Seventy-seven	77
Total		827
District Attorney		
Sanford Keedy	Seven hundred forty	740
Blanks	Eighty-seven	87
Total		827
Clerk of Courts		
Beulah U. Clifford	Seven hundred forty-seven	747
Blanks	Eighty	80
Total		827
Register of Deeds		
Carlos Allen	Seven hundred forty-eight	748
Blanks	Seventy-nine	79
Total		827
County Commissioner		
Frank H. Reed	Five hundred ninety-five	595
Jeremiah F. Donovan	One hundred seventy-seven	177
Arthur J. Green	Forty-one	41
Blanks	Fourteen	14
Total		827
Question No. 1 (Law Proposed by Initiative Petition)		
Yes	Four hundred eighty-one	481
No	One hundred ninety-five	195

	Blanks	One hundred fifty-one	151
	Total		827

Question No. 2
(Sale of all alcoholic beverages)

A	Yes	Two hundred thirty-six	236
	No	Five hundred thirty	530
	Blanks	Sixty-one	61
	Total		827

(Sale of wines and malt beverages)

B	Yes	Two hundred sixteen	216
	No	Five hundred	500
	Blanks	One hundred eleven	111
	Total		827

(All alcoholic beverages in packages)

C	Yes	Two hundred forty-nine	249
	No	Four hundred sixty-nine	469
	Blanks	One hundred nine	109
	Total		827

Question No. 3

(Pari-mutuel betting on Horse races)

A	Yes	Two hundred twenty-five	225
	No	Five hundred thirty-six	536
	Blanks	Sixty-six	66
	Total		827

(Pari-mutuel betting on Dog races)

B	Yes	One hundred seventy-three	173
	No	Five hundred fifty-eight	558
	Blanks	Ninety-six	96
	Total		827

The Polls were declared closed at eight o'clock P.M.

Town Clerk

The votes taken at the Special Town Meeting November 24, 1958

Approximately fifty inhabitants of Northfield assembled at the

Town Hall in accordance with the foregoing Warrant as posted, to conduct the business of the special Town Meeting.

The Moderator, Mr. Edgar J. Livingston, called the meeting to order at eight o'clock in the evening of November 24th. The Warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

At the request of Mr. Greenwood, Article 2 was considered first. The consideration of the articles in the Warrant resulted as follows:

Article 2. Voted: To transfer from the Road Machinery Fund to be used in trading for a new chain saw the sum of $175.00.

Article 1. Voted: To transfer from the Road Machinery Fund to be used in trading for a new Town Truck the sum of $4,500.00.

Article 3. Voted: To transfer from the Road Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance the sum of $800.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Attest:

HORACE F. FIELD, Town Clerk

Jury List -- 1959

Harold Bigelow
Ernest C. Howard
Wallace E. Stange
Roy J. Fish
Virginia M. Callaghan
Carolyn B. Parenteau
Mildred Hudson
Marjorie W. Prescott
Paul H. Carpenter
Genevieve Eastman
Charles Repeta
Dwight P. Stearns
Clarence K. Webber
Deane W. Williams
Paul Mayberry
Kenneth Miller
Merritt Skilton
Kenneth R. Hall
Leon H. Dunnell
Winfred J. Greene
Warren E. Whitney

Town Treasurer's Report

January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958

Balance January 1, 1958		$130,165.12
Receipts for year 1958		471,718.29
		$601,883.41
Payments per Warrants	$464,525.95	
Deposited in Savings Bank	200.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1958	1,402.91	
Franklin County Trust Company	134,494.55	
Crocker Savings Institution	1,260.00	601,883.41

Franklin County Trust Company of Greenfield

Balance December 31, 1958 per Statement		149,764.06
Outstanding Checks December 31 per list	15,269.51	
Balance December 31, 1958 per check book	134,494.55	149,764.06

Franklin County Retirement System

Balance on hand January 1, 1958	246.71	
Amount collected from members in 1958	2,088.62	2,335.33
Payment to Franklin County Retirement Board in 1958	2,089.36	
Balance December 31, 1958 in treasury	245.97	2,335.33

Withholding Tax Statement

Balance on hand January 1, 1958	1,208.04	
Withholding tax deducted in 1958	14,746.56	15,954.60
Paid to Collector of Internal Revenue in 1958	14,623.66	
Balance Dec. 31, 1958 in treasury	1,330.94	15,954.60

Blue Cross and Blue Shield

Balance on hand January 1, 1958	333.45	
Deducted from members in 1958	1,418.36	1,751.81
Paid to Mass. Hospital Service in 1958	1,595.01	
Balance December 31, 1958 in treasury	156.80	1,751.81

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report of Trust Funds

Edward D. Priest and Others—West Northfield Cemetery Funds

	Savings Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1958	3,370.00	4,000.00	7,370.00
On hand December 31, 1958	3,370.00	4,000.00	7,300.00
Receipts of interest	21.48		

James W. Cowles Cemetry Fund

On hand January 1, 1958	2,000.00		2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1958	2,000.00		2,000.00
Receipts of Interest	60.45		

Calvin Starns Cemetery Fund

On hand January 1, 1958	500.00		500.00
On hand December 31, 1958	500.00		500.00
Receipts of Interest	15.11		

Belcher Center School Fund

On hand January 1, 1958	1,050.00		1,050.00
On hand December 31, 1958	1,050.00		1,050.00
Receipts of Interest	31.83		

Belcher Center Cemetery Fund

On hand January 1, 1958	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1958	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of Interest	55.23		

Belcher Library Fund

On hand January 1, 1958	9,439.01		9,439.01
On hand December 31, 1958	9,439.01		9,439.01
Receipts of Interest	373.96		

Belcher Library and School Funds

On hand January 1, 1958		500.00	500.00
On hand December 31, 1958		500.00	500.00
Receipts of Interest	13.80		

Lottie Evans Worthy Poor Fund

On hand January 1, 1958	951.10		951.10
On hand December 31, 1958	994.54		994.54
Receipts of Interest added to account	43.44		

George F. Morgan Charity Fund

On hand January 1, 1958	3,000.00		3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1958	3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of Interest	90.68		

Surplus Revenue School Funds

On hand January 1, 1958	1,600.00		1,600.00
On hand December 31, 1958	1,600.00		1,600.00
Receipts of Interest	73.08		

Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund

On hand January 1, 1958	3,000.00		3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1958	3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of Interest	90.67		

Mary H. Callender Mt. Hermon Cemetery Fund

On hand January 1, 1958	500.00		500.00
On hand December 31, 1958	500.00		500.00
Receipts of Interest	15.11		

Post War Rehabilitation Fund

On hand January 1, 1958	3,989.21	10,000.00	13,989.21
Receipts of Interest on Securities	250.00		
Receipts of Int. on Savings Deposits	118.03		
On hand December 31, 1958	4,357.24	10,000.00	14,357.27

Roselle Evans Worthy Poor Fund

On hand January 1, 1958	500.00		500.00
On hand December 31, 1958	500.00		500.00
Receipts of Interest	15.11		

Maude Montague Library Fund

On hand January 1, 1958		2,000.00	2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1958		2,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of Interest	50.00		

Town of Northfield Real Estate Fund

On hand January 1, 1958	1,298.07		1,298.07
On hand December 31, 1958	1,260.00		1,260.00
Interest received	38.07		

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE, Treasurer

LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

South Mountain Cemetery

Alice J. Bigelow	$100.00

West Northfield Cemetery

Cecil Wilson	100.00
Caroline B. Lane	150.00
George W. Snow	200.00
Henry M. Yerrington	100.00
Pennock Fund	100.00
Cora B. Preston & Pitts W. Preston	100.00
S. E. K. Priest	200.00
George F. Witt	100.00
Jane E. Evans	50.00
Warena P. Miller	200.00
Mary E. Bunker	200.00

Mount Hermon Cemetery

Henry F. Cutler	100.00
Lorimer Drury	100.00
Horace F. Holton	100.00
Alice V. Watson	150.00
Anna Bell McMillan	100.00
Charles T. Sibley	200.00
Lewis Hodus	200.00
Roy R. Hatch	100.00
Joseph S. Castogue	100.00

Northfield Farms Cemetery

James Browning & Robert Washer	100.00
Retta R. Barrett	100.00
Ada Chamberlain & Sarah Morgan	75.00
George M. Chamberlain	75.00
Eva J. S. Clough	200.00
M. Maria Foss	200.00
Ernest C. Field	100.00
Elisa Graves	51.69
Brigham Gage & David Clowes	100.00
Charles L. Gilbert	200.00
Nettie E. Gilbert	300.00
Samuel A. Holton	200.00
Inez E. Holton	50.00
Elvira A. Morgan	50.00
James & William Merriam	100.00
Henry W. Montague	400.00
Charles C. Morgan	100.00
Samuel Pratt	25.00
Larkin Fisher & Frank & Lucy Ross	50.00
Fred W. Ruggles	100.00
Ashael Sawyer & Alner Sawyer	100.00
Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
Rufus Stratton & Oren Darling	150.00
Elisha & Elihu Stratton	200.00
William H. Stratton	100.00
Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Samuel W. & William G. Slate	100.00
Leroy Wetherhead	75.00
Oscar & Frank V. Wood	50.00
Jennie L. Bascomb	150.00
Herbert Dutton	35.00

Center Cemetery

Nelson & Nettie Spring	100.00
Emma Holtworth	100.00
John F. Rice	100.00
Carpenter Winchester	100.00
Clinton A. Ware	150.00
George R. Stebbins	50.00
Charles Stebbins	100.00
Walter D. Crane	100.00
John E. Nye	100.00
Harvey J. Evans	50.00
Augustus W. Holton	100.00
Thomas R. Callender	50.00
Johnson Fund	123.06
Mary L. Wright	125.00
M. Bemis & Otis Field	50.00
Charles Blackmer	50.00
Alvin Long	50.00
Isaac Cook & Wright Stratton	100.00
John L. Mattoon	100.00
Levi Fay	150.00
Sarah E. Minot	150.00
James Pickard	100.00
Augustus L. Day	100.00

Elijar Belding	125.00	J. I. Greenleaf	300.00
James White	100.00	M. Margaret Laird	100.00
Arad Webster & William Billings	500.00	Hezekiah & Elizabeth Stratton	80.00
Katherine Gaeng	100.00	Hezekiah & Mollie Stratton	80.00
Elijar E. Belding	100.00	Rufus & Asenath Stratton	80.00
A. M. D. Alexander	300.00	William H. Phelps	200.00
Charles Alexander & Richard Colton	200.00	Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00
Adelaide W. Moody	100.00	Sarah Jane Whithead	50.00
Louis M. Potts	200.00	Bessie Severance	100.00
Roselle Evans	50.00	Lewis Fowler	50.00
Amos Shepardson & Anna S. Preston	150.00	J. Wesley Mann	100.00
Bessie Moore	100.00	Andrew E. & Arthur H. Lyman	400.00
Elizabeth P. Kraft	100.00	Edward B. Stearns	50.00
Maximilla S. Hatchita	100.00	Benjamin Field & Charles Pomeroy	100.00
Albert S. Brigham	100.00	Charles Osgood	300.00
George E. Nye	200.00	Louis Frederick Bartlett	100.00
Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00	Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00
Dr. Stratton White & George & William Hastings	301.50	Rose A. Holton	100.00
Jessamine W. Polhemus	100.00	C. D. Merriam & Cornelius Hillard	300.00
William R. Moody	100.00	Cora B. Preston & Asa Holton	100.00
Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00	Frank Piper & William Piper	100.00
Clara B. Torrey	100.00		
Herbert E. Robbins	200.00		
S. E. Walker	200.00		

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund

On hand January 1, 1958	15,174.75		15,174.75
On hand December 31, 1958	15,399.75		15,399.75
Receipts of Interest	491.83		
Receipts of Bequests	225.00	716.83	
Deposited in Savings Bank	225.00		
Interest transferred to town	491.83	716.83	

CHARLES F. SLATE, Treasurer

Tax Collector's Report

Taxes for 1954		
Outstanding 1/1/58		$ 159.40
Paid Treasurer	159.40	
Outstanding 1/1/59	00.00	
	$ 159.40	$ 159.40
Taxes for 1955		
Outstanding 1/1/58		1,845.71
Abatement Paid		10.69
Paid Treasurer	1,348.53	
Abated	286.47	
Outstanding	221.40	
	1,856.40	1,856.40
Taxes for 1956		
Outstanding 1/1/58		8,539.91
Paid Treasurer	6,494.42	
Abatements	591.33	
Outstanding 1/1/59	1,454.16	
	8,539.91	8,539.91
Taxes for 1957		
Outstanding 1/1/58		32,589.68
Committed in 1958		6,455.42
Refunds		251.81
Paid Treausrer	26,603.90	
Abated	645.40	
Outstanding 1/1/59	12,047.61	
	39,296.91	39,296.91

Taxes for 1958

Poll Tax Levy		1,376.00
Refunds		8.00
Paid Treasurer	942.00	
Abatements	38.00	
Exemptions	264.00	
Outstanding 1/1/59	140.00	
	1,384.00	1,384.00
Personal Property Tax Levy		20,078.08
Refunds		8.80
Paid to Treasurer	18,638.40	
Outstanding 1/1/59	1,448.48	
	20,086.88	20,086.88
Animal Tax Levy		765.82
Paid Treasurer	706.31	
Outstanding 1/1/59	59.51	
	765.82	765.82
Real Estate Tax Levy		206,472.20
Refunds		203.20
Paid Treasurer	174,877.26	
Added to Tax Titles	587.40	
Exemptions	4,630.12	
Abatements	608.88	
Outstanding 1/1/59	25,971.74	
	206,675.40	206,675.40
Motor Vehicle Tax Levy		34,437.40
Refunds		536.78
Abatements	1,028.33	
Paid Treasurer	24,559.20	
Outstanding 1/1/59	9,386.65	
	34,974.18	34,974.18

Board of Assessors' Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 1958
Recapitulation

Town Appropriation			
(a) to be raised by Taxation		$350,408.41	
(b) to be raised from available funds			
in 1958	$42,850.00		
in 1957 after tax rate was fixed	10,351.84		
		53,201.84	
			$403,610.25
Veterans' Service District			824.76
State Assessments 1958 Estimated			
State Parks and Reservations	1,156.01		
Underestimate	31.84		
		1,187.85	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,415.72		
		1,415.72	
			2,603.57
County Assessments			
County Tax		11,852.17	
County Retirement System		2,149.01	
			14,001.18
Overlay of current year			7,220.52
			$428,260.28

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income Tax	$25,582.83
Corporation Taxes	7,428.74
Reimbursement on account of Publicly owned land	608.52
Old Age Tax (meals) Chap. 64B, S 10	1,430.03
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	27,500.00
Licenses	100.00
General Government	300.00

Protection of Persons and Property	100.00		
Health and Sanitation	200.00		
Charities (other than Federal Grants for Aid to Dependent Children)	4,000.00		
Old Age Assistance (other than Federal Grants)	28,000.00		
Veterans' Services	700.00		
Schools	19,600.00		
Interest on Taxes	1,000.00		
Farm Animal Excise	500.00		
		117,050.12	
Available Funds	53,201.84		
Free Cash	30,000.00		
County Tax overestimate	86.04		
		83,287.88	
Total Estimated Receipts and available Funds			200,338.00
Net amount to be raised by Taxation			227,922.28
Number of Polls 686 @ $2.00 each		1,372.00	
Valuation of Personal Property $228,160.00 @ $88.00		20,078.08	
Valuation of Real Estate $2,346,275.00 @ $88.00		206,472.20	
			$227,922.28

Table of Aggregates

Number of Polls	686	
Number of Persons assessed		
On Personal Property only	34	
On Real Estate only	454	
On both Personal and Real Estate	237	
Value of Assessed Stock in Trade	$47,300.00	
Machinery	167,560.00	
Live Stock	3,875.00	
All Other Personal Property	9,425.00	
		228,160.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate		
Land Exclusive of Buildings	616,360.00	
Buildings Exclusive of Land	1,729,915.00	
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		$2,346,275.00
Total Value of Assessed Estate		$2,574,435.00

Tax Rate per $1,000	$ 88.00	
Taxes for State, County or Town Purposes		
On Personal	20,078.08	
On Real Estate	206,472.20	
On Polls	1,372.00	
		$227,922.28

Abatements During the Year 1958

Levy of	1958	1957	1956	1955
Polls	$ 302.00	$ 38.00	$ 10.00	
Motor Vehicles	1,028.33	538.18	562.58	280.47
Personal		69.12	3.75	6.00
Real Estate	608.88		15.00	
Exemptions Chap. 59	4,630.12			

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise

Number of Motor Vehicles	1,386
Total Excise on Motor Vehicles	34,437.40
Total Assessed Valuation	$684,301.00

Motor Vehicle Incomplete—Compiled to December 31, 1958

We the Board of Assessors would like to express our appreciation to the People of Northfield, Town officials, for their assistance and cooperation and to the Northfield Post Office for the help received with the mailing of the Valuation books.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD A. FIELD
WINTHROP E. SPENCER
LEE H. SHELDON
Assessors

Welfare Department Report

Old Age Assistance

No. cases January 1, 1958	56	
No. cases added during year	5	
No. cases closed during year	11	
No. cases December 31, 1958	50	
Appropriation, 1958	$40,000.00	
U. S. Grant, carried from 1957	9,166.82	
U. S. Grant, reimbursements, 1958	25,489.52	
Cancelled checks and refunds	510.01	
		$75,166.35

Expended, payrolls, U. S. Grant	$23,061.70	
Expended, payrolls, Town Appropriation	37,588.62	
Expended, to Other Towns	1,468.35	
Transferred to revenue	1,183.73	
U. S. Grant forward to 1959	11,863.95	
		$75,166.35

Aid to Dependent Children

No. cases January 1, 1958	2	
No. cases added during year	2	
No. cases closed during year	1	
No. cases December 31, 1958	3	
Appropriation	$ 5,000.00	
U. S. Grant carried from 1957	835.15	
U. S. Grant reimbursement, 1958	1,673.47	
		7,508.62
Expended, payrolls, U. S. Grant	1,139.15	
Expended, payrolls, Town Appropriation	2,315.42	
Transferred to revenue	2,684.58	
U. S. Grant forward in 1959	1,369.47	
		7,508.62

Disability Assistance

No. cases January 1, 1958	1	
No. cases added during year	0	
No. cases closed during year	0	
No. cases December 31, 1958	1	
Appropriation, 1958	$ 3,000.00	
U. S. Grant carried from 1957	770.58	
U. S. Grant reimbursement, 1958	489.50	
		4,260.08
Expended, payrolls, U. S. Grant	$ 706.48	
Expended, payrolls, Town Appropriation	1,535.48	
Transferred to revenue	1,464.52	
U. S. Grant forward to 1959	553.60	
		4,260.08

General Relief

No. cases January 1, 1958	3	
No. cases added during year	8	
No. cases closed during year	7	
No. cases December 31, 1958	4	
Appropriation, 1958		5,000.00

Expended:			
Cash to GR recipients		$ 924.20	
Payments to Other Towns		107.67	
Payments to Vendors:			
Maintenance	$858.60		
Hospitals	152.06		
Physicians	101.00		
Drugs	2.70		
Burial	150.00		
		1,264.36	
		2,296.23	
Transferred to revenue		2,703.77	
			5,000.00

Administration

Appropriation, 1958		$ 3,000.00	
U. S. Grant carried from 1957:			
OAA	$1,421.67		
ADC	480.16		
DA	125.08		
		2,026.91	
U. S. Grant reimbursements, 1958			
OAA	$2,296.18		
ADC	326.79		
DA	43.67		
		2,666.64	
			7,693.55
Expended:			
Salaries	$4,903.57		
Transportation	102.72		
Postage	39.25		
Telephone	72.15		
Office supplies, Service contracts and Miscellaneous	122.89		
		5,240.58	
Transferred to revenue		109.52	
U. S. Grant forward to 1959:			
OAA	$1,585.09		
ADC	589.61		
DA	168.75		
		2,343.45	
			7,693.55

Medical Services and Supplies totalled $17,164.71 for all four categories in 1958, which was $9,260.17 less than the $26,424.82 paid to vendors in 1957. However, this is not entirely an actual saving, but rather represents in part a difference in the method of paying nursing homes for board, room and care. Beginning January 1, 1959, the nursing home rate will be $6.50 per day, an increase of $.75, with full payment to the nursing home less the patient's resource, with resulting increase in medical vendor payments in 1959. The medical expense for 1958 represents 24% of all money expended in the four categories in 1958.

Recapitulation

Vendor	OAA	ADC	DA	GR	Totals
Physicians	2,519.70	409.70	73.15	101.00	3,103.55
Drugs	3,374.96	361.75	65.85	2.70	3,805.26
Nursing Homes	6,380.66		883.76		7,264.42
Hospitals	1,504.76	49.12		152.06	1,705.94
Other	283.60	13.00	5.00		301.60
Burials	833.94			150.00	983.94
	14,897.62	833.57	1,027.76	405.76	17,164.71

Recoveries to the Town under the Lien Law in Old Age Assistance have been $3,680.00 in three cases. Other recoveries are shown in the Accountant's report. Under General Relief, total recoveries from an insurance case, six cases billed the State, and two cases billed other towns, were $3,397.40 for 1958.

Budget requests for 1959 represent a decrease from the 1958 appropriation of $3,500, or 6.25%. 1959 estimates and 1958 appropriations follow, in that order: OAA, $39,000, $40,000; ADC, $4,000, $5,000; DA, $2,500, $3,000; GR, $4,000, $5,000; and Administration, $3,000, $3,000. Total requests for 1959, $52,500. Total appropriations in 1958, $56,000.

The Welfare Agent is a member of the Massachusetts Public Welfare Association, and the Public Assistance Administrators' Association, and has attended several conferences by these organizations during the past year. She has also received a certificate of training for completing the Welfare Course under Miss Margaret Jackson of the Civil Defense Agency in Greenfield June 23 to June 27, 1958.

The cooperation received from the Board of Selectmen and of Public Welfare and the various departments of the town during the year has been much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

SHIRLEY, H. KEHL, Agent
Northfield Board of Public Welfare

Town Accountant's Report

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I submit the following report of the Accountant's Department for the calendar year ending Dec. 31, 1958, including the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds and town debt, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town January 1, 1959.

Helen M. Stearns

RECEIPTS

1954 Taxes		
Personal Property	$ 71.90	
Real Estate	87.50	
		$ 159.40
1955 Taxes		
Personal Property	21.95	
Real Estate	745.60	
		$ 767.54
1956 Taxes		
Polls	2.00	
Personal Property	383.82	
Real Estate	3,420.22	
		$ 3,806.04
1957 Taxes		
Polls	138.00	
Personal Property	1,030.08	
Real Estate	16,065.34	
		$ 17,233.42
1958 Taxes		
Polls	942.00	
Personal Property	18,638.40	
Real Estate	174,877.26	
		$194,457.66
1957 Farm Animal Excise	45.13	
1958 Farm Animal Excise	706.31	
		$ 751.44
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise		
Levy of 1955	580.99	
Levy of 1956	3,137.90	
Levy of 1957	9,325.35	
Levy of 1958	24,559.20	
		$ 37,603.44
Collector's Costs		$ 338.95
Sale Tax Title Possessions		$ 1,025.00

Acct. Rec.		
General Relief	1,524.33	
O.A.A.	29,824.96	
A.D.C.	1,233.37	
D.A. Adm.	21.83	
D.A.	1,215.97	
Vets Benefits	718.72	
		$ 34,539.18
Federal Grants		
O.A.A. Adm.	2,296.18	
O.A.A.	25,489.52	
A.D.C. Adm.	326.79	
A.D.C.	1,673.47	
D.A. Adm.	43.67	
D.A.	489.50	
		$ 30,319.13
O.A.A. Recoveries		4,140.30
Hwy. Bond Issue, Chapter 718		4,000.00
State Aid to Hwys.		28,957.79
County Aid to Hwys.		5,999.88
Road Machinery Fund		8,142.05
School Lunch		15,639.59
Tailings		238.98
Dog Licenses collected for County		669.50
Federal Withholding Taxes		14,746.56
Co. Retirement Withheld		2,088.62
Mass. Hospital Service		1,418.36
U.S. Bond Income		250.00
County Dog Officer		476.00
Wild Cat Bounty		70.00
Rent—Town Hall		391.00
Rent—Alexander Hall		15.00
Interest on deferred taxes		1,389.94
Nurse's fees		180.50
Library Fines		171.54
Sealer's fees		167.60
Licenses Granted		244.50
Vocational Educational fees		8.00
General Relief Reimbursement		1,873.07
Town Hall, broken dish		.15
Central Vt. Railway—Fire		20.00
Rebate—Insurance		295.94
Court Fines		5.00
Telephone call		.20
Sale—Miscellaneous used articles		6.00
County Dog Fund		495.34

State		
Loss of taxes	608.53	
Meals tax	2,052.29	
Livestock Disease Control	89.91	
Corporation tax	9,966.49	
Income tax	22,459.50	
School Aid	6,674.85	
Vocational Education	1,310.84	
Transportation	11,159.68	
School Superintendent	1,304.23	
		$ 55,626.32
Sale of Real Estate Fund Interest		38.07
Trust Funds Interest		
Elisha Alexander Charity	80.80	
George F. Morgan Charity	90.68	
Roselle Evans Worthy Poor	15.11	
Belcher Center School	37.25	
Belcher Library	382.24	
Montague Library	50.00	
Dickinson Book	90.67	
P.G. Center, Mt. H. & So. Mt. Cemeteries	452.87	
P.C. Nfld. Farms	125.46	
P.C. West Nfld.	257.79	
P.C. Mary Callender	15.11	
P.C. Calvin Stearns	15.11	
Surplus Revenue School Fund	73.08	
		$ 1,686.17
Sale of Cemetery Lots		175.00
Trust Funds		225.00
Town of Brattleboro, Welfare		305.65
Refunds		
O.A.A.	486.23	
Machinery Maintenance	9.85	
Schools	58.42	
Insurance	507.51	
		$ 1,062.01
Total Cash Receipts		$472,220.82
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1958		130,165.12
		$602,385.95

Recapitulation

	App.	Pyt.	Balance
Moderator	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	
Moderator's expense	15.00		15.00
Selectmen & Welfare Board	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Selectmen's expense	350.00	326.89	23.11
Accountant	950.00	950.00	
Accountant expense	75.00	75.00	
Accountant's Adding Machine	350.00	320.00	30.00
Legal expense	250.00	250.00	
Treasurer	900.00	900.00	
Treasurer's expense	400.00	400.00	
Tax Collector	750.00	750.00	
Assessors & Clerk	1,600.00	1,600.00	
Assessors' expense	300.00	300.00	
Finance Bd. expense	25.00	24.95	.05
Town Clerk	500.00	500.00	
Town Clerk expense	80.00	74.00	6.00
Election & Registration	1,242.65	1,242.65	
Planning Board expense	50.00	8.00	42.00
Constable's pay & expense	750.00	715.77	34.23
Fire Dept.	2,828.45	2,828.45	
Fire Dept. Hose & Misc. Equipment	775.00	775.00	
Hydrant Service	400.00	400.00	
Water Holes	400.00	75.00	325.00
Maint. Fire Sta. & Town Garage	1,049.33	1,049.33	
Public Safety	50.00		50.00
Wire Inspector	50.00		50.00
Sealer Wgts & Measures	150.00	150.00	
Sealer's expense	40.00	40.00	
Control & Suppression Public Nuisances	1,000.00	996.92	3.08
Tree Warden	800.00	795.09	4.91
Planting Shade Trees	200.00	199.70	.30
Dog Officer	175.00	158.55	16.45
Health	1,300.00	1,219.20	80.80
Public Health Nurse & substitute	2,800.00	2,767.70	32.30
Nurse's expense	75.00	13.75	61.25
Nurse's car expense	300.00	160.39	139.61
Inspection of Animals	195.35	195.35	
Inspection of Meat & Slaughter	50.00	25.00	25.00
Hwy. Supt. expense	125.00	111.46	13.54
Hwy. Tools	100.00	99.75	.25
Hwy. Chapter 81	23,100.00	23,099.91	.09
Hwy. Chapter 90 Maintenance	4,500.00	4,499.70	.30
Hwy. Work Railings & Bridges	3,500.00	3,497.65	2.35
Sidewalk Repairs	1,000.00		1,000.00

Snow Removal	9,504.83	9,504.83	
Street Lights	6,610.00	6,607.96	2.04
Hwy. Bounds, Surveys & Plans	250.00		250.00
Public Welfare Adm.	3,000.00	2,890.48	109.52
General Relief	,5000.00	2,296.23	2,703.77
O.A.A.	40,240.70	39,056.97	1,183.73
A.D.C.	5,000.00	2,315.42	2,684.58
D.A.	3,000.00	1,535.48	1,464.52
Soldiers' Relief	3,000.00	807.67	2,192.33
School Committees	600.00	600.00	
Schools	91,446.42	91,166.96	279.46
P.V. Regional School, Capital & Operating	113,812.41	113,812.41	
Nfld. Farms Library	150.00	150.00	
Dickinson Library	5,950.00	5,950.00	
Alexander Hall	250.00	249.97	.03
Interest	300.00		300.00
Town Reports	1,800.00	1,793.00	7.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	300.00		300.00
Protection Tax Title Property	25.00		25.00
Memorial Day	275.00	194.80	80.20
Playground Maint. & Improvement	400.00	317.53	82.47
Summer Playground Program	500.00	489.13	10.87
Fish for Streams	200.00	200.00	
Repairs—discontinued schoolhouses	100.00		100.00
Fence Viewer's expense	25.00		25.00
Field Driver's expense	25.00		25.00
Cemeteries	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Veterans' Grave Markers	50.00	50.00	
Fire Station Bonds & Interest	4,188.00	4,188.00	
Unexpended balances to Revenue			$ 13,781.14
Tax Collector's expense	650.00	610.44	39.06
Town Hall Maintenance	6,469.00	6,374.53	94.47
Dutch Elm Control	2,400.00	2,299.09	100.91
Insurance	6,462.96	6,374.22	88.74
Town Clock & Fountain	385.46	355.71	29.75
Unexpended balances to Reserve Fund			$ 352.93
Machinery Maintenance	7,509.85	7,378.14	131.71
Purchase of Truck & Sander	6,500.00	5,523.94	976.06
Purchase of Power Saw	175.00	175.00	
Unexpended balances to Road Mach. Fund			1,107.77

Plotting Map for Assessors	1,356.53	120.00	1,236.53
Assessors' Equalization of Taxation Program	1,500.00	259.53	1,240.47
Civil Defense	490.44	406.46	83.98
Purchase of Truck	4,500.00		4,500.00
Hwy. Chapter 90 Construction	14,000.00	10,728.54	3,271.46
Hwy. Chapter 718 (Bond Issue)	4,547.03	773.80	3,773.23
Repair & Paint Schell Bridge	13,000.00	2,410.78	10,589.22
Highland Circuit	250.00		250.00
Damages	500.00	300.00	200.00
Unexpended balances to 1959			$ 25,144.89

Refunds on Taxes	220.00	
Refunds on Motor Vehicle Excise	1,123.69	
U.S. Grant O.A.A. Adm.	2,149.72	
U.S. Grant A.D.C. Adm.	217.34	
U.S. Grant O.A. Assistance	23,061.70	
U.S. Grant A.D.C.	1,139.15	
U.S. Grant Disability	706.48	
School Lunch	13,472.21	
Dog Licenses to County	654.25	
Withholding Taxes	14,623.66	
County Retirement	2,089.36	
Mass. Hospital Service	1,751.81	
State Parks & Reservation	1,143.03	
State Audit	1,415.72	
U.S. Bond Income to Savings	250.00	
Veterans' Service Center	824.76	
County Retirement System	2,149.01	
County Tax	12,348.38	
County Dog Officer	476.00	
Wild Cat Bounty	90.00	
Elisha Alexander Charity Fund Interest	15.00	
Belcher Library Fund Interest	193.52	
P.C. Center, Mt. & So. Mt. Cemeteries Interest	691.94	
P.C. Nfld. Farms Cemetery Interest	34.39	
P.C. West Nfld. Cemetery Interest	197.50	
P.C. Mary Callender Fund Interest	42.00	
P.C. Calvin Stearns Fund Interest	27.00	
Trust Funds to Savings Accountants	225.00	
Brattleboro Welfare case	305.65	
Total cash payments by warrants	$464,725.95	
Returned check	502.45	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1958	137,157.55	
		$602,385.95

Selectmen's Expense

Appropriation			350.00
Ass'n Memberships	31.00		
Com. Public Safety	15.51		
Telephone	93.10		
Supplies	137.28		
Lawyers Co-op. Pub. Co.	50.00		
	326.89		
Balance to revenue	23.11		
		$	350.00

Accountant's Expense

Appropriation			75.00
Ass'n membership	3.00		
Supplies	72.00		
		$	75.00

Accountant's Adding Machine

Appropriation			350.00
Adding Machine	320.00		
Balance to Revenue	30.00		
		$	350.00

Treasurer's Expense

Appropriation			400.00
Ass'n membership	2.00		
Bond	159.50		
Postage	155.83		
Supplies and maintenance	82.67		
		$	400.00

Tax Collector's Expense

Appropriation	600.00		
Reserve	50.00		
		$	650.00
Ass'n membership	2.00		
Bonds	311.75		
Postage	154.40		
Supplies	142.79		
	610.94		
Balance to Reserve Fund	39.06		
		$	650.00

Assessors' Expense

Appropriation		300.00
Ass'n membership	9.00	
Franklin Registry of Deeds	40.40	
Supplies and Maintenance	250.60	
	$	300.00

Plotting Map for Assessors

Appropriation Balance		1,356.53
Engineering—Barnes	120.00	
Balance to 1959	1,236.53	
	$	1,356.53

Equalization of Valuation Program

Appropriation		1,500.00
Leslie Willard, advisory	100.00	
Sundry persons, labor	116.00	
Postage	43.53	
	259.53	
Balance to 1959	1,240.47	
	$	1,500.00

Finance Board Expense

Appropriation		25.00
Ass'n membership	15.00	
Supplies and postage	9.95	
	24.95	
Balance to Revenue	.05	
	$	25.00

Town Clerk's Expense

Appropriation		80.00
Ass'n membership	7.50	
Bond	7.50	
Repair Town Seal	24.00	
Supplies	35.00	
	74.00	
Balance to Revenue	6.00	
	$	80.00

Election and Registration

Appropriation	1,200.00	
Reserve	42.65	
		$ 1,242.65
Registrars	443.50	
Election Officers	520.94	
Printing	44.00	
Street Lists	209.00	
Supplies	25.21	
		$ 1,242.65

Planning Board Expense

Appropriation		50.00
Printing	8.00	
Balance to Revenue	42.00	
		$ 50.00

Town Hall Maintenance

Appropriation	6,000.00	
Reserve	469.00	
		$ 6,469.00
Fuel	1,939.33	
Lights	264.52	
Repairs—Bolton	1,977.26	
Electrical repairs—Holton	76.05	
Tuning Piano	8.00	
Com. Public Safety	35.00	
Janitor	1,800.00	
Cleaning	38.76	
Rubbish removal	39.60	
Janitor Supplies	118.24	
Water	12.00	
Repairs	65.77	
	6,374.53	
Balance to Reserve Fund	94.47	
		$ 6,469.00

Constable and Expense

Appropriation		750.00
Salaries	691.52	
Supplies	24.25	
	715.77	
Balance to Revenue	34.23	
		$ 750.00

Fire Department

Appropriation	2,500.00	
Reserve	328.45	
		$ 2,828.45
Tri State Mutual Aid	20.25	
Fire Chief salary	100.00	
Forest Warden salary	100.00	
Secretary to Fire Dept. Salary	25.00	
Fire phones	309.49	
Maintenance Fire Trucks	188.79	
Labor—Firemen	1,542.00	
Equipment	542.92	
		$ 2,828.45

Fire Department Hose and Miscellaneous Equip.

Appropriation		775.00
Equipment		775.00

Water Holes

Appropriation		400.00
Labor	75.00	
Balance to Revenue	325.00	
		$ 400.00

Maintenance Fire Station & Town Garage

Appropriation	1,000.00	
Reserve	49.33	
		$ 1,049.33
Fuel	696.82	
Electricity	277.04	
Telephone	7.30	
Water	21.65	
Repairs	42.40	
Supplies	4.12	
		$ 1,049.33

Sealer Weights and Measures and Expense

Appropriation		190.00
Salary	150.00	
Expenses	40.00	
		$ 190.00

Dutch Elm Control

Appropriation	1,800.00	
Reserve	600.00	
		$ 2,400.00
New England Tree Expert Co.	174.75	
Equipment & Supplies	103.54	
Town Machinery	507.30	
Labor	1,513.50	
	2,299.09	
Balance to Reserve Fund	100.91	
		$ 2,400.00

Control and Suppression Certain Public Nuisances

Appropriation		1,000.00
Spray Materials	246.31	
Hinkley Tree Service	443.76	
Town machinery	33.05	
Labor	273.80	
	996.92	
Balance to Revenue	3.08	
		$ 1,000.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		800.00
Equipment	16.76	
Town Machinery	137.50	
Labor	640.83	
	795.09	
Balance to Revenue	4.91	
		$ 800.00

Planting Shade Trees

Appropriation		200.00
Nursery Stock	177.20	
Cedar poles	15.00	
Labor	7.50	
	199.70	
Balance to Revenue	.30	
		$ 200.00

Dog Officer

Appropriation		175.00
Labor & mileage	158.55	
Balance to Revenue	16.45	
	$	175.00

Civil Defense

Balance from 1957	340.44	
Appropriation	150.00	
	$	490.44
Equipment	344.20	
Supplies	62.26	
	406.46	
Balance to 1959	83.98	
	$	490.44

Health

Appropriation		1,300.00
Ass'n memberships	7.00	
Dr. for Clinic	75.00	
Franklin Co. Hospital	40.75	
Vital Statistics	113.00	
Travel and supplies Town Dump (980.83)	2.62	
Extermination Service	130.00	
Labor	659.03	
Town Machinery	107.00	
Hired Machinery	53.00	
Gravel	31.80	
	1,219.20	
Balance to Revenue	80.80	
	$	1,300.00

Nurse and Substitute

Appropriation		2,800.00
Nurse salary	2,550.00	
Substitute	217.70	
	2,767.70	
Balance to Revenue	32.30	
	$	2,800.00

Nurse's Expense

Appropriation		75.00
Telephone	3.60	
Medicinal supplies & postage	6.15	
Journal of Nursing	4.00	
	13.75	
Balance to Revenue	61.25	
		$ 75.00

Nurse's Car Expense

Appropriation		300.00
Registration	3.00	
Gas and Oil	92.99	
Repairs and service	64.40	
	160.39	
Balance to Revenue	139.61	
		$ 300.00

Inspection of Meat and Slaughter

Appropriation		50.00
Salary	25.00	
Balance to Revenue	25.00	
		$ 50.00

Machinery Maintenance

Road Machinery Fund	7,500.00	
Refund	9.85	
		$ 7,509.85
Labor, Hwy workers	374.95	
Rent	25.00	
Gas & Oil	1,753.96	
Registration—trucks	12.00	
Equipment	1,792.80	
Repairs & Supplies	3,419.43	
	7,378.14	
Balance to Road Mach. Fund	131.71	
		$ 7,509.85

Highway Superintendent Expense

Appropriation		125.00
Ass'n Supt.	5.00	
Telephone	97.96	
Supplies	8.50	
	111.46	
Balance to Revenue	13.54	
		$ 125.00

Tools

Appropriation		100.00
Sundry hardware & tools	99.75	
Balance to Revenue	.25	
		$ 100.00

Purchase of Truck and Sander

Balance 1957		6,500.00
Chevrolet Truck	2,875.00	
Sand Spreader	2,648.94	
	5,523.94	
Balance to Road Mach. Fund	976.00	
		$ 6,500.00

Purchase of Truck

Road Mach. Fund	4,500.00
Balance to 1959	4,500.00

Purchase of Power Saw

Road Mach. Fund	175.00
Power Saw	175.00

Highway Chapter 81

Appropriation	4,950.00	
Surplus Revenue	18,150.00	
		$ 23,100.00
Labor	10,254.20	
Town Machinery	3,243.25	
Hired Machinery	1,446.00	
Material	8,156.46	
	23,099.91	
Balance to Revenue	.09	
		$ 23,100.00

Chapter 90 Construction

Appropriation	2,000.00	
Surplus Revenue	12,000.00	
		$ 14,000.00
Labor	2,524.50	
Town Machinery	900.25	
Hired Machinery	3,170.00	
Material	4,133.79	
	10,728.54	
Balance to 1959	3,271.46	
		$ 14,000.00

Chapter 718

Balance from 1957	547.03	
State—Bond Issue	4,000.00	
		$ 4,547.03
Labor	214.80	
Town Machinery	19.00	
Material	540.00	
	773.80	
Balance to 1959	3,773.23	
		$ 4,547.03

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Appropriation	1,500.00	
Surplus Revenue	3,000.00	
		$ 4,500.00
Labor	561.65	
Town Machinery	246.00	
Hired Machinery	168.00	
Material	3,524.05	
	4,499.70	
Balance to Revenue	.30	
		$ 4,500.00

Highway Work, Railings and Bridges

Apppropriation		3,500.00
Labor	1,842.50	
Town Machinery	673.00	
Material	982.15	
	3,497.65	
Balance to Revenue	2.35	
		$ 3,500.00

Repair and Paint Schell Bridge

Appropriation	2,000.00	
Surplus Revenue	11,000.00	
		$ 13,000.00
Labor	177.65	
Hired Welding	1,826.00	
Material	407.13	
	2,410.78	
Balance to 1959	10,589.22	
		$ 13,000.00

Snow Removal

Appropriation	9,000.00	
Reserve	504.83	
		$ 9,504.83
Labor	3,986.70	
Town Machinery	2,414.50	
Hired Machinery	1,794.00	
Material	1,050.79	
Repairs	11.09	
Sidewalk Snow Removal	277.75	
		$ 9,504.83

Public Welfare Administration

Appropriation		3,000.00
Ass'n membership	3.00	
Salaries	2,647.40	
Travel	80.22	
Telephone	46.35	
Supplies & Postage	113.51	
	2,890.49	
Balance to Revenue	109.52	
		$ 3,000.00

General Relief

Appropriation		5,000.00
Sundry persons	2,188.56	
Town of Montague	107.67	
	2,296.23	
Balance to Revenue	2,703.77	
		$ 5,000.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	40,000.00	
Refunds	240.70	
		$ 40,240.70
Sundry persons	37,588.62	
Towns	1,468.35	
	39,056.97	
Balance to Revenue	1,183.73	
		$ 40,240.70

Aid Dependent Children

Appropriation		5,000.00
Sundry persons	2,315.42	
Balance to Revenue	2,684.58	
		$ 5,000.00

Disability Assistance

Appropriation		3,000.00
Sundry persons	1,535.48	
Balance to Revenue	1,464.52	
		$ 3,000.00

Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation		3,000.00
Sundry persons	807.67	
Balance to Revenue	2,192.33	
		$ 3,000.00

School Committees

Appropriation		600.00
Salaries Elementary Schools	300.00	
Salaries P.V.R.S.	300.00	
		$ 600.00

Schools

Appropriation	91,388.00	
Refund	58.42	
		$ 91,446.42

Supt. Salary	1,730.00	
Teachers Salaries	56,602.66	
Janitors' Salaries	4,834.29	
Transportation of pupils	13,392.20	
Transportation vocational school	512.36	
Clerk	514.98	
Text Books	1,600.28	
Janitor Supplies	1,042.68	
Water & Current	1,334.32	
Repairs	802.49	
Vocational Tuition	870.86	
Sundry	393.18	
Telephone	195.86	
Fuel	3,033.43	
School Physician	350.00	
School Nurse	700.00	
Student Supplies	1,034.22	
New Equipment	435.17	
Special project & remodeling	1,582.48	
Supt. Travel	205.50	
	91,166.96	
Balance to Revenue	279.46	
		$ 91,446.42

Pioneer Valley Regional School

Appropriation		113,812.41
P.V.R.S. District—Capital	31,777.54	
P.V.R.S. District—Operating	82,034.87	
		$113,812.41

Northfield Farms Library

Appropriation	150.00
Nfld. Farms Library Ass'n	150.00

Dickinson Library

Appropriation		5,950.00
Ass'n Library Trustees	2.00	
Librarian Salaries	3,589.40	
Library Supplies	82.85	
Janitor Salary	650.00	
Janitor Supplies	25.88	
Fuel	427.20	
Electricity & Water	191.97	
Telephone	73,06	

Books	642.64	
Subscriptions	63.35	
Book Binding	49.80	
Repairs	151.85	
		$ 5,950.00

Alexander Hall

Appropriation		250.00
Janitor	120.00	
Piano Tuning	8.00	
New Equipment	89.28	
Repairs & Supplies	32.69	
	249.97	
Balance to Revenue	.03	
		$ 250.00

Insurance

Appropriation	5,600.00	
Reserve	355.45	
		$ 5,955.45
Buildings	2,156.67	
Trucks & Machinery	695.00	
Fire Trucks	653.01	
Nurse's car	148.13	
Depositor's Forgery	18.75	
Workmen's Compensation	1,961.65	
Fire Dept. Accident & Inhalator	233.50	
	5,866.71	
Balance to Reserve Fund	88.74	
		$ 5,955.45

Damages

Balance 1957	200.00	
Appropriation	300.00	
		$ 500.00
County of Franklin	300.00	
Balance to 1959	200.00	
		$ 500.00

Clock and Fountain

Appropriation	125.00	
Reserve	260.46	
		$ 385.46

Caretaker of Clock, salary	75.00	
Repairs to Clock	110.00	
Electricity	10.00	
Water to Fountain	25.00	
Turning water on & off, seasonal	5.25	
Repair water line to fountain	130.46	
	355.71	
Balance to Reserve Fund	29.75	
		$ 385.46

Town Reports

Appropriation		1,800.00
Printing Town Reports	948.00	
Printing Valuation lists	785.00	
Postage	60.00	
	1,793.00	
Balance to Revenue	7.00	
		$ 1,800.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		275.00
Plants & Wreaths	83.40	
Grave Marker Flags	32.40	
P.V.R.S. Band	50.00	
Sundry	29.00	
	194.80	
Balance to Revenue	80.20	
		$ 275.00

Playground and Athletic Field

Appropriation		400.00
Caretaker	128.77	
Supplies	73.76	
Repairs	115.00	
	317.53	
Balance to Revenue	82.47	
		$ 400.00

Summer Playground Program

Appropriation		500.00
Salaries	388.00	
Games and Materials	82.77	
Postage	4.56	
Lunches for Children	13.80	
Milk donated by The Northfield School	n/c	
	489.13	
Balance to Revenue	10.78	
		$ 500.00

Purchase of Fish

Appropriation		200.00
Mohawk Trout Hatchery		200.00

Cemeteries

Approriation		2,000.00
Commissioner's salary	75.00	
Labor	1,722.84	
Truck & tractor work	43.25	
Repairs & Supplies	95.96	
Power Mower—Nfld. Farms	62.95	
		$ 2,000.00

Veterans Grave Markers

Appropriation		50.00
Veterans Service center, 24 markers		50.00

Fire Station Maturing Bonds and Interest

Appropriation		4,188.00
Bonds	3,000.00	
Interest	1,188.00	
		$ 4,188.00

U.S.G. — O.A.A. Adm.

Balance 1957	1,421.67	
Receipts	2,296.18	
		$ 3,717.85
Salaries	2,063.54	
Travel	36.46	
Telephone	20.40	
Postage	14.00	
Supplies	15.32	
	2,149.72	
Balance to 1959	1,568.13	
		$ 3,717.85

U.S.G. — O.A.A.

Balance 1957	9,166.82	
Receipts	25,489.52	
Refunds	245.53	
Recoveries	23.78	
		$ 34,925.65
Sundry persons	23,061.70	
Balance to 1959	11,863.95	
		$ 34,925.65

U.S.G. — A.D.C. Adm.

Balance 1957	480.16	
Receipts	326.79	
		$ 806.95
Salaries	202.63	
Telephone	5.40	
Postage	8.00	
Supplies	1.31	
	217.34	
Balance to 1959	589.61	
		$ 806.95

U.S.G. — A.D.C.

Balance 1957	835.15	
Receipts	1,673.47	
		$ 2,508.62
Sundry persons	1,139.15	
Balance to 1959	1,369.47	
		$ 2,508.62

U.S.G. — D.A. Adm.

Balance 1957	125.08	
Receipts	43.67	
		$ 168.75
Balance to 1959		168.75

U.S.G. — D.A.

Balance 1957	770.58	
Receipts	489.50	
		$ 1,260.08
Sundry Persons	706.48	
Balance to 1959	553.60	
		$ 1,260.08

O.A.A. Recoveries

Balance 1957	70.66	
Receipts	4,140.30	
		$ 4,210.96
Transferred to U.S.G.—O.A.A.	23.78	
Transferred to Estimated Receipts	196.72	
	220.50	
Balance to 1959	3,990.46	
		$ 4,210.96

Road Machinery Fund

Balance 1957	5,971.42	
Receipts	8,142.05	
Transferred from maintenance	131.71	
Transferred from Purchase of Chev. Truck	976.06	
		$ 15,221.24
Transferred to Mach. Maintenance	7,500.00	
Transferred to Purchase of Truck	4,500.00	
Transferred to Purchase of Power Saw	175.00	
	12,175.00	
Balance to 1959	3,046.24	
		$ 15,221.24

School Lunch

Balance 1957	1,564.45	
Receipts	15,639.59	
		$ 17,204.04
Labor	4,495.32	
Supplies	8,976.89	
	13,472.21	
Balance to 1959	3,731.83	
		$ 17,204.04

Elisha Alexander Fund Interest

Balance 1957	621.21	
Receipts	80.80	
		$ 702.01
Sundry persons	15.00	
Balance to 1959	687.01	
		$ 702.01

Belcher Library Fund Interest

Balance 1957	277.53	
Receipts	382.24	
		$ 659.77
Books	5.59	
Binding	31.37	
Fuel	72.76	
Repairs	83.80	
	193.52	
Balance to 1959	466.25	
		$ 659.77

P.C. Center, Mt. H., and So. Mt. Cemeteries

Balance 1957	307.08	
Receipts	452.87	
		$ 759.95
Labor	683.98	
Supplies	7.96	
	691.94	
Balance to 1959	68.01	
		$ 759.95

P.C. Northfield Farms Cemetery

Balance 1957	17.98	
Receipts	125.46	
		$ 143.44
Labor	34.39	
Balance to 1959	109.05	
		$ 143.44

P.C. West Northfield Cemetery

Balance 1957	362.17	
Receipts	257.79	
		$ 619.96
Labor	187.00	
Supplies	10.50	
	197.50	
Balance to 1959	422.46	
		$ 619.9

P.C. Mary Callender Lot

Balance 1957	62.01	
Receipts	15.11	
		$ 77.12
Labor	35.00	
Supplies	7.00	
	42.00	
Balance to 1959	35.12	
		$ 77.12

P.C. Calvin Stearns Lot

Balance 1957	48.74	
Receipts	15.11	
		$ 63.85
Labor	20.00	
Supplies	7.00	
	27.00	
Balance to 1959	36.85	
		$ 63.85

Balance Sheet, Town of Northfield

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1958

Assets

Cash		$137,157.55
Accounts Receivable		
Taxes		
Levy of 1955		
Personal Property	221.40	
Levy of 1956		
Polls	8.00	
Personal Property	61.43	
Real Estate	574.38	
Levy of 1957		
Polls	14.00	
Personal Property	310.08	
Real Estate	7,234.09	

Liabilities and Reserves

Employees Payroll Deductions		
Withholding Taxes	1,330.94	
Co. Retirement withheld	245.97	1,576.91
Tailings		259.53
Trust Fund Income		
Elisha Alexander Charity	687.01	
George F. Morgan Charity	441.53	
Roselle A. Evans Charity	173.07	
Belcher Center School	144.47	
Belcher Library	466.25	
Montague Library	204.47	
Dickinson Book	121.14	
P.C. Ctr. Mt. H. & So. Mt. Cemeteries	68.01	
P.C. Nfld. Farms	109.05	
P.C. West Northfield	422.46	
P.C. Mary Callender	35.12	
P.C. Calvin Stearns	36.85	2,909.43

Levy of 1958		
Polls	140.00	
Personal Property	1,448.48	
Real Estate	25,971.74	35,983.60
Farm Animal Excise		
Levy of 1958		59.51
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise		
Levy of 1956	810.35	
Levy of 1957	4,489.44	
Levy of 1958	9,386.65	14,686.44
Tax Titles & Possessions		
Tax Titles	5,253.49	
Tax Posessions	649.53	5,903.02
Departmental		
Sidewalks	112.38	
O.A.A.	124.81	
A.D.C.	394.42	631.61
Federal Grants		
O.A.A. Adm.	1,568.13	
O.A.A. Assistance	11,863.95	
A.D.C. Adm.	589.61	
A.D.C. Assistance	1,369.47	
D.A. Adm.	168.75	
D.A. Assistance	553.60	16,113.51
O.A.A. Recoveries		3,990.46
School Lunch		3,731.83
Road Machinery Fund		3,046.24
Overestimate State Parks & Reservations		12.98
Dog Licenses collected for County		15.25
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund		2,071.12
Sale of Real Estate Fund		1,492.72
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		8,138.36
Overlays reserved for abatements		
Levy of 1955	221.40	
Levy of 1956	643.81	
Levy of 1957	2,612.89	
Levy of 1958	1,679.52	5,157.62
Revenues reserved until collected		
Farm Animal excise	59.51	
M.V. & Trailer excise	14,686.44	

Aid to Highways		
State	31,422.48	
County	6,000.00	37,422.48
Underestimates		
County Tax		496.21
Due from County		
County Dog Officer	36.00	
Wild Cat Bounty	40.00	76.00
		$232,416.42

Tax Title & Possessions	5,903.02	
Departmental	631.61	
State & Co. Aid to Hwys.	37,422.48	58,703.06
Appropriation balances		
Plotting Assessors' Map	1,236.53	
Equalization of Valuation	1,240.47	
Purchase of Truck	4,500.00	
Civil Defense	83.98	
Chap. 90 Construction	3,271.46	
Chap. 718	3,773.23	
Repair & Paint Schell Bridge	10,589.22	
Highland Circuit	250.00	
Damages	200.00	
Cemetery Filing System	94.25	25,239.14
Surplus Revenue		99,958.26
		$232,416.42

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$ 48,000.00	Fire Station and Garage Loan	$ 48,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds

Cash and Securities

In custody of Treasurer	$63,960.54
In custody of Selectmen	2,323.00
In custody of Trustees	9,866.91
In custody of Cemetery Commissioners	203.50
	$ 76,353.95

Elisha Alexander Charity	$ 2,020.00
Martha Alexander Charity	9,866.91
Lottie Evans Charity	994.54
George F. Morgan Charity	3,000.00
Roselle A. Evans Worthy Poor	500.00
Surplus Rev. School Fund	1,600.00
Belcher Center School	1,250.00
Belcher Library	9,739.01
Montague Library	2,000.00
Dickinson Book	3,000.00
Cowles Cemetery	2,000.00
Belcher Cemetery	2,000.00
Calvin Stearns Cemetery	500.00
Mary Callender Cemetery	500.00
West Nfld. Cemetery	8.870.00

P.C. Cemetery Funds

In custody of Treasurer	13,899.75
In custody of Selectmen	303.00
In custody of Cemetery Commissioners	203.50
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	14,107.24
	$ 76,353.95

State Audit, Town of Northfield

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1957

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash,		$130,165.12
Accounts Receivable:		
Levy of 1954:		
Personal Property	$ 71.90	
Real Estate	87.50	
		159.40
Levy of 1955:		
Personal Property	249.34	
Real Estate	745.60	
		994.94
Levy of 1956:		
Poll	20.00	
Personal Property	449.00	
Real Estate	4,009.60	
		4,478.60
Levy of 1957:		
Poll	190.00	
Personal Property	1,409.28	
Real Estate	23,299.43	
		24,898.71

Liabilities and Reserves

Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	$ 1,208.04	
County Retirement System	246.71	
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	333.45	
		$1,788.20
Tailings—Unclaimed Checks		20.55
Trust Fund Income:		
Elisha Alexander Charity Fund	621.21	
George F. Morgan Charity Fund	350.85	
Roselle Evans Charity Fund	157.96	
Belcher Center School Fund	107.22	
Belcher Library Fund	277.53	
Maude Montague Library Fund	154.47	
Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund	30.47	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	325.06	
West Northfield Cemetery Fund	362.17	
Mary H. Callender Cemetery Fund	62.01	
Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund	48.74	
		2,497.69

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1955	850.79	
Levy of 1956	4,061.31	
Levy of 1957	7,645.84	
		12,557.94
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1957		45.13
Tax Titles and Possessions:		
Tax Titles	4,666.09	
Tax Possessions	1,441.81	
		6,107.90
Departmental:		
Sidewalk Construction	112.38	
Aid to Dependent Children	394.81	
		507.19
Aid to Highways:		
State	23,730.40	
County	4,500.00	
		28,230.40
Underestimate 1957:		
State Recreation Areas Assessment		31.84
Old Age Assistance Recovery		70.66
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance:		
Administration	125.08	
Assistance	770.58	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Administration	480.16	
Aid	835.15	
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration	1,421.67	
Assistance	9,166.82	
		12,799.46
School Lunch Fund		1,564.45
Appropriation Balances:		
Assessors' Maps	1,356.53	
Civil Defense	340.44	
Truck Purchase	6,500.00	
Highways, Chapter 718	547.03	
Land-Highland Circuit	250.00	
Damages	200.00	
Cemetery Lots Filing System	94.25	
Grave Markers	50.00	
		9,338.25
Sale of Real Estate Fund		1,260.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund		1,896.12
Road Machinery Fund		5,971.42

Due from County:			Overestimate 1957:		
			County Tax		86.04
Dog Officer Fees	36.00				
Wild Cat Bounty	20.00		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		7,763.02
		56.00			
			Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
			Levy of 1954	159.40	
			Levy of 1955	994.94	
			Levy of 1956	2,448.55	
			Levy of 1957	2,720.01	
					6,322.90
			Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
			Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	12,557.94	
			Farm Animal Excise	45.13	
			Tax Title and Possession	6,107.90	
			Departmental	507.19	
			Aid to Highway	28,230.40	
					47,448.56
			Surplus Revenue		109,405.85
		$208,233.17			$208,233.17

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$51,000.00	Fire Station and Garage Loan	$51,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:	
Cash and Securities	
In Custody of Treasurer	63,574.07
In Custody of Selectmen	2,323.00
In Custody of Trustees	9,796.91
In Custody of Cemetery Commissioners	203.50
	$75,897.48

In Custody of Treasurer:		
Lottie Evans Charity Fund	951.10	
George F. Morgan Charity Fund	3,000.00	
Roselle Evans Charity Fund	500.00	
Surplus Revenue School Fund	1,600.00	
Belcher Center School Fund	1,250.00	
Belcher Library Fund	9,739.01	
Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund	3,000.00	
Maude Montague Library Fund	2,000.00	
James W. Cowles Cemetery Fund	2,000.00	
Belcher Center Cemetery Fund	2,000.00	
Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund	500.00	
Mary H. Callender Cemetery Fund	500.00	
West Northfield Cemetery Fund	8,870.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	13,674.75	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	13,989.21	
		63,574.07
In Custody of Selectmen:		
Elisha Alexander Charity Fund	2,020.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	303.00	
		2,323.00
In Custody of Trustees:		
Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund		9,796.91
In Custody of Cemetery Commissioners:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds		203.50
		$75,897.48

Dickinson Library Report

Serving on the Board of Trustees of the Library during the year 1958-59 were the following members: Mrs. Louise M. Reeves, chairman; Mrs. Jean P. Hatheway; Mrs. Lillian G. Wells, secretary; Mr. Luman A. Barber; Mr. William H. Hawley; and Mr. Winthrop W. Sanderson.

At the Town Meeting on March 3, 1958, Mrs. Hatheway was re-elected and Mr. Hawley was elected, each to fill regular three-year terms.

During the past year the Board has met regularly on the first Wednesday of every month, with the exception of August, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library. The members have endeavored to carry on faithfully the administration of the policies and finances, and to keep up the high standards of maintenance of the building and grounds. Work has been commenced on the development of a set of By-Laws and a Statement of Personnel Policies for the Library and will be continued until completion during this coming year.

On April 10, 1958, Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Hatheway represented the Library at the all-day Town and County Government Conference in Greenfield, bringing back a number of suggestions which may be adapted for the improvement of our Library. One of these, a new service for shut-ins and others who may be unable to get to the Library has already been initiated. The following persons have volunteered as 'Friends of the Library' and are co-operating with Mrs. Phelps, Librarian, and Mrs. Cook, Assistant Librarian, under the sponsorship of the Trustees, in providing this service: Mrs. Stanley Bistrek, Mrs. Norman Fowler, Mrs. Arnold Haack, Mrs. David Hammond, Miss Alice Mundee, Mrs. Henry Prescott, Mrs. Alvin Scott and Mrs. Gilbert Stacy. Anyone within the Town of Northfield may have the benefit of this service by calling the Library.

A new stand for the large dictionary, made according to detailed specifications for the greatest convenience of users, of oak to match the other Library furniture, has been added to the equipment.

The Trustees wish to take this opportunity to commend the Librarian and her Assistant for the continuing excellence of their service to the community.

LOUISE M. REEVES, Chairman

LILLIAN G. WELLS, Secretary

Librarian's Report

Report of the Librarian to the trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library.

Total circulation of books and magazines for the year 1958 shows an increase of 1414 over the year 1957. Figures for the different departments follow:

Adult books, fiction	7683
Adult books, non-fiction	3091
Juvenile books, fiction	8981
Juvenile books, non-fiction	3659
Magazines, adult	1817
Magazines, juvenile	360
Bookmobile books, adult	2265
Bookmobile books, juvenile	1816
Interlibrary loan	6
	29,678
1957	28,264
Increase	1,414

Books added to our collection:

By purchase, adult fiction	95
By purchase, adult non-fiction	62
By purchase, juvenile fiction	66
By purchase, juvenile non-fiction	50
Gifts to the library	147
Books returned after reported lost	4
Total	424
Books withdrawn, by loss, etc.	48

Books loaned to us by the State Bookmobile	1879
Loaned in other parts of town	879
Loaned to us by the Field Memorial Library	30

Our library has on loan to the Regional Library Center a collection of 64 volumes.

The sum of $171.54 has been collected in fines for overdue books for damaged or lost books, during the year, and turned over to the town treasurer, Mr. Charles Slate.

The library has 559 adult registrations and 410 juvenile, a total of 969. Thirteen non-residents paid $1.00 for the use of the library for one year.

Most outstanding gifts of books were from the following friends of the library: Mrs. Grace Birdsall; Mrs. Lois McEwan; Mrs. Edith Aldrich; Mrs. Jean Hatheway; Mrs. Sophie Servaes; Mrs. Maude Wood; Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Sanderson; Mr. Merritt Skilton; Northfield School for Girls; and The Northfield Teacher's Club.

Exhibits of the year: Mrs. Constantine George showed costume dolls, finger knitting, hand weaving, and ceramics, in January. In February, Mr. William Hawley had a fine display from his large collection of Lincolniana. In June, eleven paintings of extinct birds of America, was displayed. One of the 23 units from the Ford Times Collection, Mr. Douglas Jones was instrumental in getting this exhibit for the library. In October, an exhibit of sea shells, by Mrs. Esther Leonard; Mrs. Grace Browning, Carol Waaser and Mrs. Phelps. In November, Miss Amy Hamilton displayed a part of her fine collection of buttons.

National Library Week was observed March 16-22, with a special program for the week. Open House was held Wednesday afternoon and evening, March 19th. Mrs. Gwendolyn Leavis served as chairman of the citizen's committee, with the following members: Mrs. Virginia Haack, Mrs. Elizabeth Scott, Mrs. Marjorie Prescott; Mrs. Gladys Bistrek; Mrs. Dorothy Hammond; and the librarians, Mrs. Florence Phelps and Mrs. Evangeline Cook. A note-book with a full account of the events of the week is on record.

In July and August, a Summer Reading Program was held with 26 children participating. At the close of the program a party was held in the Assembly Room, with games and refreshments sponsored by the librarians, assisted by Mrs. Virginia Haack. Miss Cornelia Church of the Regional Library Center, Greenfield, showed the film, 'The Pony.'

During the year, the fifth and sixth grades, comprising about 98 students were given instruction by the librarian, Mrs. Phelps, in the use of the catalog file and how to locate books on the shelves. The classes were held in the morning before the library was open to the public.

In June, Miss Gwendolyn Vannah, from the Regional Library Center, Greenfield, told stories to the kindergarten classes of Center School; and a Story Hour was held in the library, December 30th, with Miss Joyce Fuller of Northfield Farms, a teacher in the Greenfield School System, as story-teller, with 18 children present.

A complete list of the historical relics on the second floor, library

furnishings, pictures, etc., exclusive of books was made for reference and insurance purposes.

Since I am retiring as librarian this year, this will be my last report. I wish to extend my grateful appreciation to my assistant, Mrs. Evangeline Cook, to the janitor, and to my trustees for their helpful assistance and cooperation during my librarianship.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE H. PHELPS, Librarian

Report of Dog Officer

A total of 66 calls were made. 41 of these were for stray dogs, with no collars or tags. They were boarded and destroyed. 8 dogs were claimed by owners. 4 were run over by cars and had to be disposed of. This is a total of 53 dogs, the other 13 calls were made to owners about their pets causing disturbances and annoying people.

Perhaps you are wondering why there are so many strays. The law says all dogs must wear collars with name plates and license tags at all times. If they have only a collar they are strays and can be destroyed.

People get small puppies but when they get larger and can't be allowed in the house they are allowed to run at large making a nuisance of themselves. Not all these dogs are unlicensed but the majority of them are. Most of them are females. The licensed dogs that roam the streets all day and part of the night are of no value to their owners, and make poor pets.

Please, dog owners, put collars, tags and name plates on your dog to save trouble and expense to yourself and the town.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT L. GIBSON, Dog Officer

Fire Chief's Report

The Northfield Fire Department answered a total of 51 calls during the past year. The summary of the calls answered is as follows:

Grass and brush fires	20
House fires	8
Chimney fires	11
Automobile	1
Mutual Aid	5
Resuscitator	1
Miscellaneous	5

Various activities of the department included another Fire Fighting Course conducted by Capt. Leslie Ackerman of the Greenfield Fire Department. This school ended with a visit to Meadow Wood Fire Department at Fitzwiliam, N. H., where actual fire conditions can be duplicated to train our men.

I wish to thank everyone for their cooperation during the past year and a special thanks to the Salvation Army for their services at our fires.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. M. DUNNELL JR., Fire Chief

Report of Forest Warden

This past year has been quite a fortunate year as forest fires were concerned.

673 permits were issued for the past year.

20 grass or brush fires had to be extinguished. None of these turned out to be serious but most of them could have been if it had not been for the quick response of your fire department and their advanced training in handling such situations. Most of these fires occurred because the persons burning had insufficient man power and equipment to handle their fires.

Remember you are required by state law to obtain a permit for any outdoor fire.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD WILLIAMS,
Forest Warden

Tree Warden Report

During 1958 27 trees were removed from our streets and highways. Also 50 large trees were trimmed, as well as several for road clearance. A large number of trees still need to be removed or trimmed.

26 new shade trees wre planted along our streets and highways. These were Norway Maples, Rock Maples, Marion Locust, and Red Oak. They were planted on Mt. Hermon Road, Caldwell Road, Moody Street, North Lane, Pine Street, Glenwood Ave., Warwick Ave., St. Mary's Street, Old Ferry Road, East Street, Upper Farms, Lower Farms and Cross Road.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. BILMON, Tree Warden

Report of Moth Superintendent

Two days were spent scouting for Gypsy Moth in 1958. No infested areas were found even where egg clusters were found in 1957.

450 gallons of 10% D.D.T. and 55 pounds of Milky Disease Spores were used to combat Japanese Beetles. While the Milky Disease Spores are slow acting they offer a more permanent control than other insecticides that are faster acting but give only temporary control. The Department of Natural Resources furnished 200 gallons of D.D.T. emulsion.

200 gallons of 24D5T were used to control poison ivy.

During 1958 139 diseased elm trees were removed and burned. These trees were located as follows: 15 East Northfield, 45 Northfield Farms, 47 West Northfield, and 32 in Northfield. While these figures indicate that the condition is serious it is not hopeless. Marked improvement can be achieved if we follow a program which includes the following: 1. Early detection of diseased trees, 2. Immediate removal of diseased trees, 3. Adequate sprays, 4. Public cooperation in notifying the Tree Warden of any suspicious trees.

In 1958 250 gallons of 12% D.D.T. were used as a dormant spray in May and June. 500 gallons of 6% D.D.T. were used to control the leaf eating insects. 186 samples were taken and sent the University of Massachusetts for culture. Of this number 117 were found positive. A total of 165 trees should be removed and burned before April 1, 1959. These trees are located as follows: 57 Northfield, 18 East Northfield, 34 West Northfield, and 56 Northfield Farms.

Respectfully submitted

JOSEPH S. BILMON, Moth Superintendent

Report of Public Health Nurse

Home visits made in 1958:

Non-communicable	1,003
Acute communicable	44
Tuberculosis	49
Maternity	40
Infants and pre-school	81
Adults	633
Total	1,850

The annual Well Child Clinic was held on June 19 and 20 with Dr. William Buchannan, Jr., of Greenfield, Pediatrician. Fifty-six pre-school children were present. Two were referred to Crippled Children's Clinic and two for speech therapy. Dental cavities appeared to be the most prevalent defect.

A boy and girl enjoyed a month each at Greenfield Health Camp and a third child was sent to a special camp for handicapped children.

A class in Civil Defense First Aid was taught from which forty-one adults were graduated. An advance course is planned for 1959.

The Health program for the summer playground was supervised with only minor scratches being reported.

Blood bank, sponsored by the Red Cross, collected sixty pints of blood. The affair was conducted as usual, in the Congregational Church with local volunteer medical personnel, and lunch for the workers served by the Grange.

Several in-service lectures were participated in during the year as well as attendance at Teacher's Convention at Greenfield High School.

In closing I would like to express my appreciation to the Fortnightly whose members gave much time helping at the clinics. The Kiwanis Club made it possible for two children to attend summer camp, as well as helping in several emergencies. I would also like to thank all Town Officials who have been most cooperative.

Respectfully submitted

MARIAN C. BILLINGS, R.N.

Board of Health Report

During the year the following list of contagious diseases was reported to the Board of Health:

14 Dog Bite, 90 Measles, 3 German Measles, 3 Scarlet Fever, 9 Mumps, 5 Chicken Pox.

The Board of Health assisted in the hospital care of one premature baby at a total expenditure of $40.75.

Respectfully submitted,

CORYS M. HESELTON, Chairman
Board of Health

Civil Defense Director's Report

The entire staff participated in operation "Big Burst" on March 10th and also in operation alert 1958 or "Operation Opal" on May 6 and 7, a state wide exercise.

In conjunction with this last exercise the CD First Aid class participated in an actual Field Trial which involved moving our mobile First Aid station under police escort, from the Dickinson Library where it is stored, to the Bernardston Elementary School where there was a simulated boiler explosion and casualties were treated. This exercise was a complete success, and received state-wide recognition in C. D. News. It was a surprise exercise and proof that this First Aid Class could and would operate efficiently under actual disaster conditions.

The two-way radio voted at last Town Meeting has been installed at the Fire Station and training exercises are being held on Tuesday evenings for communications personnel, practicing inter-communication with Sector 4D headquarters in Greenfield and other county towns.

Radiac equipment has been received and a training course will be given by Sidney Given, radiac officer, during the coming year.

Work is progressing on a Survival Plan for Northfield, and we wish to thank the Pioneer Valley Regional School for their assistance in typing the Draft for same.

Mrs. Billings and Mrs. Goodwin are now conducting an advanced First Aid course for those who successfully completed the course last year.

Mrs. Kehl completed a course in CD welfare work during the past year.

As of January 31, 1959, the Ground Observer Corps is officially dissolved, since improvements in radar have made it unnecessary.

Mr. Emory Rickert, chief observer since August 1955, and a faithful worker for many years, deserves the gratitude of the town for his leadership in this important phase of CD, as long as it was necessary.

We wish to thank all those who have participated in CD work during the past year and urge your continued support.

HORACE F. FIELD

Revaluation for Equalization Committee Report

Progress has been made toward the equalization program. Nine hundred approved questionnaires have been mailed to all property owners with a return of approximately 20% to date. Seven hundred twenty are still to be returned.

Equality of assessed values will be greatly facilitated by the promptness of these returns so that equalization can be completed and ready for use in the 1960 tax assessments.

If any help is needed in filling out these questionnaires the assessors are very glad to be consulted.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD A. FIELD
WINTHROP E. SPENCER
LEE H. SHELDON
Assessors

Cemetery Commissioners Report, 1958

The several cemeteries of Northfield have had their usual care during the past year. Another one of the trees in the Center Cemetery had to be removed, because of the danger of its falling and damaging headstones and monuments in the immediate area.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT FOR 1958

CENTER CEMETERY

Ernest Kenney	$1,886.90	Elton B. Kinsman	8.00
Maurice B. Flanders	152.10	Central Vt. Railway Inc.	5.00
Northfield Water Company	12.00	David G. Quinn	75.00
Millers Tire Service	26.12	Kidder and Company	26.25
Stanley E. Johnson	6.23		
James L. Neigh	23.77		$2,221.37

WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY

Carlton W. Holton	7.00	John Stacey	161.75
Niles Stone	7.00		
Melvin Miller	10.00		$267.25
Owen Stacey	81.50		

NORTHFIELD FARMS AND SOUTH MOUNTAIN CEMETERIES

Norman E. Whitney, Inc.	5.00	Francis Fisher	10.00
Murray M. Hammond	267.24		
Harold Hammond, Jr.	90.02		$372.26

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID G. QUINN, Chairman

OWEN G. STACEY

MURRAY M. HAMMOND
Cemetery Commissioners

RECEIVED FOR THE SALE OF LOTS 1958

Name	*Cemetery*	*Lot No.*	*Price*
George W. Hayes	W. Nfld.	206&211	70.00
Virgina Ballantyne	Mt. Hermon	A38	25.00
Merle & Louise Jones	Farms	40&88½	40.00
William Durante	Farms	22	25.00
Charles F. Tuttle	Center		15.00
Robert Whitney	Farms	111½	25.00
Hubert Dutton	Farms	108½	15.00
			$215.00
1957 Paid to the Town of Northfield			40.00
1958 Paid to the Town of Northfield			175.00
			$215.00

Planning Board

In the early months of 1958 much work was done by the Planning Board on some proposed new town by-laws, with the purpose in mind of preserving the beauty and value of our town. Because full zoning by-laws could not be prepared in a short time, and because it was felt that the selectmen should have more power to control building than they now have, it was proposed by the town counsel and urged by the selectmen that a new by-law establishing building permits for Northfield be prepared and presented at town meeting. Such a by-law was written by the town counsel, presented at a public hearing, and then put before the voters at the March town meeting. This was turned down. We feel this was due to misunderstanding on the part of the voters, and we hope that in the future we may make ourselves better understood. With this in mind we have met several times this year, and after studying by-laws that have been acceptable in other similar towns, have prepared a tentative set of by-laws and have sent them to the state planning board for their suggestions and advice. We hope to have a satisfactory set of by-laws ready to present to the town in the near future.

Respectfully submitted

F. WILTON DEAN, Chairman
MRS. AGNES HAMMOND
L. PERCY GOODSPEED
HARVEY E. HATHEWAY
A. GORDON MOODY

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee was organized for the year on March 27, 1958 with Charles Llewelyn as Chairman and Harry A. Erickson as secretary. The Committee held seven meetings and considered and recommended specific amounts on all financial matters coming before the Town.

Transfers from the $3,000 Reserve Fund and $25.00 Expense Account were authorized as follows:

June	30 —Insurance premium	$355.45
November	11—Dutch Elm	600.00
November	11—Tax Collector's expense	50.00

November	24—*Clock* and Fountain	130.00
December	22—Snow removal	462.45
December	22—Town Hall	469.00
December	22—Elections	42.65
December	22—Fire Department	260.00
December	22—Clock and *Fountain*	130.46
January	2—Snow removal	42.38
January	2—Fire Department	68.45
January	2—Maintenance Fire Dep't.	49.33
January	2—Inspection of animals	20.35
	Total	$2,680.52
	Balance	319.48
June	30—Expense Account	
	Fee for Finance Association	15.00
	Stationery	8.75
	Postage	1.20
	Balance	24.95
	Balance	.05

CHARLES W. LLEWELYN, Chairman
HARRY A. ERICKSON, Secretary
ROGER M. GREENWOOD
HERBERT H. MAYNARD
DONALD SNOW
WALLACE E. STANGE

The Finance Committee recommend the following salary changes as authorized by the vote of the Town on Article 47 of the Annual Town Meeting March 4, 1958.

	Increase	Total
Town Clerk	$ 50.00	$550.00
Tax Collector	250.00	1,000.00
Chairman Selectmen	50.00	375.00
Treasurer	50.00	950.00
Town Accountant	50.00	1,000.00

HARRY A. ERICKSON, Sec.
Jan. 26, 1959

Veterans' Agent Report

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen
Northfield, Massachusetts

Submitted herewith is a report of the Central Franklin County

District Veterans Service Center and the Veterans Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield for the year 1958:

1. Active Service Problems	128
2. Bonus	109
3. Compensation	225
4. Death Benefits	299
5. Discharges	227
6. Education	106
7. Employment	309
8. Finance	384
9. Housing	39
10. Insurance	122
11. Legal	211
12. Loans	59
13. Medical	912
14. Notarizations	48
15. Pension	478
16. Photostats	3,814
17. Recordings	61
18. Selective Service	172
19. Social Security	92
20. Taxes	519
21. Veterans Benefits	7,976
22. Vital Statistics	402
23. Unclassified	1,509
Total Contacts	18,201

The figures above represent contacts for all the former servicemen and women of any war under the jurisdiction of this district unit. The number of requests by the veterans of Northfield were in proportion to those of other member towns.

The Veterans Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield rendered assistance to three families representing seven persons during the year 1958. One of these cases was of a permanent nature with the remaining two classified as temporary. This resulted in expenditures of $807.67 with an estimated reimbursement of $403.83 to be made by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 115 as amended, Massachusetts General Laws.

Respectfully submitted

HOMER L. GAMELIN, Veterans' Agent

School Committee Report

ORGANIZATION FOR YEAR 1958

School Committee

Roy J. Fish, Chairman	Term expires 1960
Irving Lawrence	Term expires 1959
Evelyn True, Secretary	Term expires 1961

Meetings of the School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Thursday of each month, except July and August, at 10:00 A.M. at the Center School.

Superintendent of Schools

F. Sumner Turner
Dartmouth A.B. — Harvard M.Ed.
Boston University — University of Massachusetts
Office, Pioneer Valley Regional School, Tel. 757

School Secretary

Ann P. James

School Physician

F. Wilton Dean, M.D.

School Nurse

Marian C. Billings, R.N.

School Calendar (1959-1960)

Schools Open January 5, 1959	Close February 20, 1959
Schools Open March 2, 1959	Close April 17, 1959
Schools Open April 27, 1959	Close June 12, 1959
Schools Open September 9, 1959	Close December 23, 1959
Schools Open January 4, 1960	Close February 19, 1960

Report of School Superintendent

To the School Committee and Citizens of Northfield:

I am pleased to present herewith my eleventh annual report dealing with the progress made within the public schools during the year 1958. This is the 222nd report on public education in the Town of Northfield.

Enrollments

In June, when the thirty-six pupils in Grade Six were promoted to the Pioneer Valley Regional School, the last single room to a grade was past. In September, the forty-eight six graders were divided into two sections. At the present time, we have two sections of each grade, and a morning and afternoon section of the kindergarten. Consulting the census reports, it appears that this will be the pattern for some time to come. Grade two and three, with sixty-three each, could be trouble spots before they reach grade seven.

The enrollment of the various grades as of December 21, 1958, is as follows:

Kindergarten	40
Grade one	42
Grade two	63
Grade three	63
Grade four	49
Grade five	44
Grade six	48
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The enrollment of the various rooms is as follows:

Kindergarten (Smithers)	40
Grade one (Bolton)	21
Grade one (Thomas)	21
Grade two (Haack)	31
Grade two (North)	32
Grade three (Stebbins)	31
Grade three (LaClaire)	32
Grade four (Sheldon)	26
Grade four (Miles)	23
Grade five (Parker)	21
Grade five (Barry)	23
Grade six (Moran)	24
Grade six (Morell)	24
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TEACHERS

Changes in Personnel

Mrs. Jean E. Kozlowski	June 13, 1958
Miss Nola Skillings	August 5, 1958
Mrs. Helen Gorzocoski	June 13, 1958

Appointments

Mrs. Judith E. Miles, B.S.E., North Adams State Teachers' College—Grade four.

Mrs. Janet S. Barry, North Adams Normal School-Teacher, Houghton School, North Adams, ten years—Grade five.

Mr. Ernest J. Moran, B.S.E., Keene Teachers' College—Grade six.

Mr. Roger J. Morell, B.A., University of Massachusetts—Grade six.

REPAIRS

During the summer, the lower southwest room in the former High School building was renovated, and is being used for one section of Grade Four. In the Center School is housed the Kindergarten, Grades One, Two, Three, and one section of Grade Four. The former High School building houses the other section of grade Four, and Grades Five and Six. The main room has been equipped with opaque curtains and is used for visual aids and assembly programs. The former home economics room is being used as a store room and band practice. Thus, all the available space left by grades seven to twelve has been put to actual and needed uses.

During the summer, the roofs of both buildings were thoroughly gone over and made completely water tight. A giant wave swing was added to the playground equipment by the P.T.A. The School Committee wishes to express its thanks for this gift. During the installation of the swing, the other pieces of equipment were regrouped to be more useful to the children in each building. The basements in the former High School were redecorated.

Textbooks

This year, new textbooks were added in Grades Three, Five and Six, and social studies in Grades Three, Four, and Six. The large enrollment in Grade Three means that about fourteen copies of every textbook of the grade must be purchased as they progress.

School Cafeteria

During the year, 41,865 student lunches, 2,057 adult lunches, and 13,239 additional bottles of milk were served. About ninety percent of the pupils take part in the program. I quote from the report of Miss Marjorie Cowles, Field Representative of the State School Lunch Program, following her visit to Northfield on November 19, 1958. "The meal served on day of visit, met the Type "A"

Meal Pattern requirements. The reviewer went over the menus planned for the week, in order to insure that sufficient Protein was served. School Lunch personnel were observed in the process of meal preparation and servings to children, and were found to be most cooperative and interested in the success of the overall Program. Sanitary procedures and dishwashing facilities are excellent. Kitchen facilities and equipment are excellent. Cooperation between School Lunch personnel and School officials is to be commended."

Our cafeteria staff, Mrs. Minnie Huber, Ms. Loretta Peterson, and Mrs. Esther Clough, deserve the credit for this fine report.

Instrumental Music

The instrumental classes, under the direction of Mr. Eugene Gancarz, continue to grow and prosper. On Memorial Day, this group made a very commendable contribution to the program.

Finances

On the page discussing State Aid and Net Cost of Education, an attempt is made to separate the cost of the elementary school from the total school cost. At the same time, the reimbursements that come to the town because of the regional school are subtracted. This method would indicate that the cost of education had decreased by $12,019.61. This is the only way to get any figures that could be compared with any past figures. This gives a per pupil figure of $135.16. This figure compares very favorably with the costs of our neighboring schools. However, the town pays its share of both schools. At the bottom of the same page, those figures are so stated. Total costs, $173,143.41; State Reimbursements, $48,473.48; Percentage of reimbursement, 28%; and net cost to the town of $124,669.93, and a net cost per pupil of $233.46. Being the first fiscal year of operation, there are no figures with which to make comparisons. Also, a very definite way must be devised for taking care of reimbursements, credits, and balances. Furthermore, in that reimbursements change with the fluctuating state financial picture, not only in amount but in time of payment, it is most difficult. The few comparisons that we can make show our costs to be low in line with the general practice of the state.

The reimbursements for 1959 have been estimated as follows:

Chapter 70 as amended 1958	$34,131.25
Transportation	11,400.00
Vocational Transportation	203.00
Vocational Tuition	479.92
Superintendent Salary & Travel	1,304.23
State Wards	400.00
	$47,918.40

In Union 18 the school housing problem which has been uppermost for the past ten years has been sufficiently solved to allow us to turn our attention to the primary purpose of education, "To develop each child to the maximum of his abilities."

Among the many and varied problems is the amount of time given to formal education. In man's race for outer space and all its accompanying problems, we can easily see that our pupils need more time in school. A longer school day, a longer school year, or both will need our study and adoption. Likewise, it would be well for us to make greater use of the fine facilities now available to us.

From many, carefully conducted studies it is apparent that much failure in school stems from pupil immaturity. Pupils are individuals and, therefore, maturity varies with each child. We also find that failure due to immaturity is difficult to help, even after being recognized. Our entering age levels should be carefully studied to assure us that our pupils may be able to do the work that must be taught to them.

Our curriculum needs constant revision, keeping abreast of the changing needs in our changing world. Federal Law 85-864, passed last year, after many years of debate and study, focuses attention, at the elementary level, on the teaching of science, mathematics, foreign language, and the need for guidance personnel. Last year our mathematics program was studied and new text books adopted to implement our findings. On January 28, 1959, a study of our science program will be introduced by a science workshop for teachers at the Gill Elementary School. Some of the larger school systems have made fine progress in the teaching of foreign language in the elementary school. Their findings will be of great value for our consideration. This problem might find solution on a union basis.

Education is a cooperative effort of school, pupil, parents and community. The greater the understanding, the greater the prospects for success.

We welcome you to visit our classrooms at any time as well as at special events. We most heartily recommend parent-teacher conferences at the school after school hours when the teacher can give full attention to the problem and where the work, achievements and records are available for study. A telephone call to the Principal or teacher will easily make such appointments.

I wish to express my appreciation for the continued cooperation and assistance of the School Committee, Principals, Teachers, Secretarial Staff and other workers of the school, Parents and Townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

F. SUMNER TURNER,

Superintendent

Report of School Organization

CENTER SCHOOL

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated
Dorothy T. Herrick	Principal	Fitchburg Normal School *University Extension
Madeline A. Smithers	Kindergarten	Boston University, B.A. Hartford Seminary Foundation, M.A.
Ruth W. Bolton	Grade 1	Fitchburg Normal School *University Extension
Dorothea B. Thomas	Grade 1	Keene Teachers' College *University of Vermont *University Extension *Springfield College
Virginia S. Haack	Grade 2	Stevens Institute of Technology *Leslie College Extension *Berlitz School of Language *Columbia University *University Extension *University of Maryland

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated
Ruby North	Grade 2	*Greenfield Commercial School Bay Path Institute *Fitchburg Normal School
Ruth Stebbins	Grade 3	Lowell Teachers' College, B.S.
Clarissa LaClaire	Grade 3	Wheaton College *University of Massachusetts
Catherine Sheldon	Grade 4	Fitchburg Normal School
Judith E. Miles	Grade 4	North Adams State Teachers' College, B.S.E.
Evelyn H. Parker	Grade 5	North Adams State Teachers' College, B.S. *Boston University
Janet S. Barry	Grade 5	North Adams Normal School
Ernest Moran	Grade 6	Keene Teachers' College, B.E.
Roger Morell	Grade 6	University of Massachusetts, B.A.
Marian C. Billings	School Nurse	Franklin County Public Hospital, R.N.

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated
Bessie Moore	Art Supervisor	Fitchburg Normal School Columbia University, B.S., M.A.
Dorothy Eccles	Music Supervisor	New England Conservatory *Boston University Summer School
Eugene Gancarz	Instrumental Music	Boston University, B.M., M.M.
William Messer	Physical Education	Springfield College, B.S. *University of Vermont
Eleanor Smiley	Physical Education	Arnold College, B.S.

*Attended without graduation

SCHOOL CUSTODIANS

John Spindler

John D. Ware

SCHOOL LUNCH

Mrs. Minnie Huber

Mrs. Loretta Peterson

Mrs. Esther Clough

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

	Appro. 1958	Expended 1958	Recommended 1959
Superintendent's Salary	$ 1,785.00	$ 1,730.00	$ 1,875.00
Out-of-State Travel	35.00	25.50	35.00
Administration Expense	180.00	180.00	180.00
Clerk	554.00	514.98	580.00
Salaries, Teachers	56,299.00	54,660.10	60,695.00
Supervisor, Music	900.00	882.00	950.00
Supervisor, Art	650.00	610.56	685.00
Supervisor, Penmanship	500.00	450.00	500.00
Textbooks	1,000.00	1,600.28	1,500.00
Supplies, Student	1,000.00	1,049.41	1,200.00
Supplies, Janitor	500.00	876.87	750.00
Salaries, Janitor	4,900.00	4,834.29	5,100.00
Fuel	3,000.00	3,125.63	3,100.00
Water and Current	1,400.00	1,334.32	1,400.00
Repairs	500.00	802.49	500.00
New Equipment	500.00	435.17	500.00
Medical, Physician	350.00	350.00	350.00
Nurse	700.00	700.00	700.00
Tuition, Vocational	520.00	979.72	500.00
Transportation	13,555.00	13,392.20	14,000.00
Transportation, Vocational	360.00	468.50	400.00
Sundry Education	700.00	524.04	500.00
Special Project	1,000.00	929.00	1,000.00
Corner Room Redecoration	500.00	653.48	
Totals	$91,388.00	$91,108.54	$97,000.00

Returned to Town Treasury—$279.46

STATE AID AND NET COST OF EDUCATION

Operational Basis

Year	Total Expenditures	State Aid and Other Receipts	%	Net Cost of Education
1946	44,768.61	10,967.61	25	33,800.73
1947	57,711.99	19,561.29	33.9	38,150.70
1948	60,267.81	20,824.44	34.5	39,443.37
1949	68,938.71	28,504.23	41.3	40,479.48
1950	74,641.75	31,808.52	43.6	42,833.42
1951	82,123.95	32,881.28	40	49,242.67
1952	88,485.13	32,682.11	37	55,803.02
1953	92,534.77	34,669.64	37	57,865.13
1954	97,860.09	38,958.37	39.8	58,901.72
1955	99,898.66	39,553.74	39.6	60,344.92
1956	108,635.00	43,401.70	40	65,233.30
1957	102,697.00	43,506.74	42.4	59,190.26
1958	91,108.54	43,937.89*	48.2	47.170.65

NET COST OF SCHOOLS IN 1958*

Expenditures		91,108.54
State of Massachusetts Reimbursements:		
Chapter 70 as amended 1958 Chapter 643	$29,679.35*	
Vocational Tuition	277.40	
Transportation	11,159.68	
Vocational Transportation	974.07	
State Wards: Tuition and Transportation	403.77	
Supt.'s Salary and Travel	1,220.54*	
Maintenance, Voc. School, Adult Education	178.78	
Interest, School Surplus Fund	44.30	
Total		43,937.89
Net Cost of Education 1958*		47,170.65

1957 Net Cost of Education	$59,190.26	
1958 Net Cost of Education	47,170.65	
Net Decrease	12,019.61	
Net Cost Per Pupil Fiscal Year 1958		$135.16

STATE AID AND NET COST OF EDUCATION

Including Reimbursements Because of Regional School

1958	173,143.41	48,473.48	28.0	124,669.92
Net Cost Per Pupil Fiscal Year 1958			$233.46	

*Does not include reimbursements because of Pioneer Valley Regional School

CENTER SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958

Net Worth (Cash, Inventory, Claims) January 1, 1958			$2,279.77
Cash Balance		$1,062.29	
RECEIPTS:			
Student Lunches	$8,357.60		
Adult Lunches	617.10		
Milk	397.17		
Government Reimbursement	4,966.40		
Other	258.04		
Total Receipts		14,596.31	
Total Cash		15,658.60	

DISBURSEMENTS:			
Food		8,968.97	
Labor		4,504.07	
Other		222.56	
Equipment		200.00	
Total Disbursements			13,895.60
Cash Balance			$ 1,763.00
Cash Balance		$1,763.00	
Inventory		422.82	
U. S. D. A. Claims	(Nov.)	384.01	
	(Dec.)	433.43	
Net Worth, December 31, 1958			$3,003.26

Report on School Census (October 1, 1958)

	Boys	Girls	Total
Between ages 0 and 5	103	116	219
Between ages 5 and 7	30	48	78
Between ages 7 and 14	164	174	338
Between ages 14 and 16	47	42	89
Total	344	380	724

Enrollment by Grades, October 1, 1958

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Boys	15	17	32	38	19	22	20	163
Girls	26	24	30	28	29	23	27	187
Total	41	41	62	66	48	45	47	350

Resident Enrollment by Schools

	Boys	Girls
Center School	163	187
Pioneer Valley Regional School	92	92
American School for Deaf	0	1
Bement School	6	3
Greenfield High School	0	1
Mount Hermon School	11	0
Northfield School for Girls	0	19
Goodwill Home	1	0
Hampden duBase Academy	2	0
Bob Jones University	1	0

Winchester, N. H.	1	0	
Hartford, Conn.	0	1	
Total	277	304	
Grand Total			581

Report of the Center School Principal

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of Northfield:

I herewith submit my twelfth annual report for the Center School.

We have now completed one school year and started another having the use of two buildings to house our approximately three hundred fifty pupils. An additional room has been added allowing us two rooms for each of the six grades and one for kindergarten which has two groups each day.

An exceptionally fine staff of teachers (listed elsewhere) give our boys and girls educational opportunities that have not been possible in the past when our classrooms were so crowded, although we still have extra large second and third grades.

Our assembly hall that seemed to hold such promise of all gatherings for programs, visual education, and other group activities proved too small for our large enrollment. We separated into three groups for assemblies to be held at regular intervals and each room or grade takes its part, kindergarten and first and second grades in one group, third and fourth together, with the fifth and sixth grades making the third. Some fine programs, both by the pupils and by special speakers, have been both interesting and educational.

The Open House during American Education Week with the typical lunch, PTA meeting, and visits with the teachers in the classrooms was very well attended. Excellent response was shown when an impromptu "walk-through open house" was held after school one afternoon for parents and friends to view the attractive and creative Christmas displays made by the children for their rooms.

Many parents have accepted the opportunity of making appointments with the teachers for after-school conferences, as well as the always available visit during regular daily sessions, which we feel has helped to bring about the continued interest, cooperation, and good will apparent as a result of this close contact.

The playground equipment has been rearranged with attention to the fact that the larger children are housed in the north building and a large ocean wave given by the PTA has been most enthusiastically enjoyed.

My duties as supervising principal printed in last year's report have continued about the same with more attention given to pupil guidance through group mental maturity testing in grades two and five and others who for some reason had no recent tests, and by conferences with individual pupils and parents in relation to behavior, health, mental, and social problems, both for prevention as well as correction.

The cooperation and interest of all associated with our Center School has been sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY T. HERRICK

Principal

Report of the Music Supervisor

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee
of Northfield:

As Music Supervisor for the Northfield schools for a second year, I wish to say that the results of the past three terms are very gratifying to me.

Due to the excellent carry-over work during the week, and the cooperation of the homeroom teachers, we are progressing in an excellent manner.

The students in every grade are reading easily from their books, both musically and rhythmically. Individual work is done in every grade, and the children are proud to demonstrate their ability.

We have done many square dances and folk dances, which although fun to do, do teach rhythms in an interesting way.

The small chorus of thirty odd chosen singers are working hard to perfect a few numbers for a special program.

I'm sure the interest in school music will continue, making the future even better than my expectations.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY W. ECCLES

Report of the Art Supervisor

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee
of Northfield:

At the end of my second year as art supervisor in the Northfield Union, I feel that I can accurately report that much progress has been made in the development of a creative art program in all the schools.

Art is a vital means of expression which contributes to the total growth of all children and which helps make better adjusted and happier children. Few children of our schools now cry, "I can't." They like to experiment.

The art created by these children displayed on corridor and classroom walls has been enjoyed by parents and other interested citizens.

The librarian of the Northfield Public Library has been kind enough to exhibit the work of Union students.

Many teachers have achieved excellent group work—murals, mobiles, and stained glass windows. One class made and handsomely decorated kites which took the wind and sailed. The teachers have done creditable work in correlation with study units.

May I add, that I have found real enjoyment and great satisfaction in my work with the pupils and teachers with whom it has been my privilege to be associated.

Respectfully submitted,

BESSIE MOORE
Art Supervisor

Report of School Nurse

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee
of Northfild:

I am glad to report a year of good health among our pupils.

The required Massachusetts Vision Tests were administered to all pupils in grades 1—6. Eight children failed to pass this screening test and proper referrals were made.

Physical examinations on all new students and members of grades one and five were done early in the fall by the school physician. Parents were notified of any defects found.

A new project was begun in March sponsored by the Franklin County Public Health Association. It consisted of Mantoux testing

all pupils and teachers who desired it to detect the possible presence of tuberculosis. A doctor and nurse from the State Department of Public Health did the testing and read results after securing consent slips from all those involved. From an enrollment of 342 pupils over 93% indicated permission to be tested. The refusals included nine families. Five positive reactors were discovered, one of whom has since moved. The remaining four and all contracts were x-rayed and all found to be negative.

The usual lecture and movie on "Personal Hygiene" was given to the older girls followed by a discussion period.

Hearing tests were completed in December with four failures which were immediately reported to the parents. Again I would like to stress the fact that these are only screening tests and the advice of a competent physician should be sought.

All pupils were weighed and measured in the fall and spring.

Interest in the dental program seems to be waning, in spite of every effort to make it attractive. Several children are receiving care at dental clinic. In May of 1958 only 53.4% of the total enrollment had dental certificates.

First Aid for minor injuries was given 206 children during the year.

All children having speech defects are under treatment.

Twenty-six youngsters came to Pre-school clinic in May.

I would like to express appreciation to all who have been most cooperative in assisting with my work. Members of the Fortnightly who help with clinics and the Kiwanis Club who have aided many needy families, have been especially helpful.

Respectfuly submitted,

MARIAN BILLINGS, R.N.
School Nurse

Report of School Physician

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of Northfield:

The activities of the school physician this year have consisted largely of physical examinations at school, and examinations at my office of those out of school for contagious diseases or for periods of 5 days or longer and also for questionable conditions found at school and referred to me for advice. There were only a few minor accidents at school this year.

A pre-school clinic was held April 12th at Center School for those entering school in the fall. Parents came with the children so that they could discuss any problems with the doctor or teachers.

In September the regular fall examinations were held. Fewer defects than usual were found, bad teeth being, as usual, the commonest defect found. Examination of the eyes and ears is performed by the school nurse and a few pupils were found badly in need of attention. A child who cannot see or hear well is seriously handicapped in school. Any such defect should receive immediate attention.

We have been little troubled by contagious disease in Northfield this year, though a few cases of mumps are now appearing.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, M.D.
School Physician

Report on Athletic Field

Appropriation			$400.00
Expenditures:			
Labor:			
John D. Ware	128.77	128.77	
Repairs:			
Edward C. Bolton	115.00		
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co.	34.50		
		149.50	
Supplies:			
Avery's Store	6.00		
Athletic Trainers Supply Co.	25.88		
Spencer Bros.	2.98		
J. L. Dunnell	2.40		
F. Sumner Turner	2.00		
		39.26	
Total Expenditures			317.53
Balance			82.47

Respectfully submitted,

NORTHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
ROY J. FISH, Chairman
EVELYN U. TRUE, Secretary
IRVING J. LAWRENCE

The Committee recommends that $400.00 be appropriated for 1959.

Pioneer Valley Regional School District Report

School Committee

Wendell Streeter, Chairman	Bernardston
Albert Stoddard, Jr., Vice-Chairman	Warwick
Irving J. Lawrence	Northfield
William Hawley	Northfield
Robert P. Barnes	Northfield
Ellis Franklin	Bernardston
Mrs. Anna Wilcox	Bernardston
Charles A. Morse	Warwick
Arthur L. Bowers	Warwick

To the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee and Citizens of Bernardston, Northfield and Warwick:

The Pioneer Valley Regional School has now been in operation for sixteen months. All of its facilities have been used. It has proven to be a most efficient, well planned, economical and easily maintained building as well as a beautiful building on a tremendous site. Many school, building and finance committees have visited our building and wished to obtain cost sheets and figures. The school personnel and student body are proud and have taken splendid care of their building. That fact has been noticed by all visiting committees.

The full report of its activities is too lengthy and detailed to ask the several towns to afford space in their town reports to print. This will be mimeographed at little cost to the school and given to any citizen of the towns who may wish a copy. Included in this report is a listing of the faculty, a few excerpts from the report of the Principal, and the financial report of the Treasurer.

Our curriculum is being carefully studied for improvements to better fit our students for the changing conditions of our world. At the moment three areas are receiving detailed study—the library—remedial reading and guidance. These studies will continue until all phases of the school have been covered.

I wish to thank the Principal, Teachers, other school personnel, and students for their splendid cooperation in making this first full year a grand success.

Respectfully submitted,

F. SUMNER TURNER
Superintendent

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL
EXCERPTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

I herewith submit my second report as principal of the Pioneer Valley Regional School.

Our second year in operation has seen a great improvement in the entire educational program of our school. An improving attitude of study and a growing realization of the necessity of a fine education on the part of the students together with the completion of building facilities and the assignment of teachers to programs more in keeping with their training and interests has resulted in this improved condition.

It is most interesting to look back on the first few months of occupancy of our building and compare it with today's program. What was a somewhat confused situation due to the complete newness of the entire school and its program has developed into a smooth running routine. The students have grown with the program and as a result they act better, dress better, and accomplish more. Although the change has been great and noticeable, there still remains much to be done to make ours one of the best schools in the area.

Classroom and Subject Enrollment

In keeping with the general trend throughout the nation, we find that there is an increased interest in the academic subjects in our school. This was particularly true in the field of science. More than half of all the juniors and seniors elected to take either chemistry or physics. There have been some drop-outs in these courses but there remain more than 45% of the juniors and seniors taking these courses. Some courses have fewer than ten students enrolled but it is essential in most instances that these courses be conducted to enable these students to prepare themselves for the type of career they hope to follow in the future. In other subjects, steps will be taken to insure a more adequate expenditure of teacher time.

The classroom enrollments as of December 1 were as follows:

7A—28	8A—29	9A—31	10A 25	11A—23	Gr. 12	
7B—24	8B—24	9B—30	10B—24	11B—28	36	Boys 201
7C—28	8C—28	9C—15				Girls 172
T—80	T—81	T—76	T—49	T—51	T—36	Total 373

The enrollments as of December 1 from the towns are as follows:

Bernardston	112	Northfield	186
Greenfield	1	Warwick	44
Guilford	1		
Leyden	29	Total	373

General Building Condition

It is a pleasure and privilege to have the fine building that we have in a location that would be difficult to duplicate anywhere in our state. Our custodians deserve the utmost praise for their interest in and care of the building. They keep it in the best of condition and are most cooperative in their service to all personnel of the school. Visiting committees and individuals are always impressed by the bright clean look throughout the building.

Words of praise should be given our students for their excellent cooperation in keeping their school in the best of condition. Occasional damage is usually slight and due to some thoughtless moment or action. Most damages are discovered and the student required to replace or repair damages.

We have a fine group of teachers who are devoted to the task of teaching our children. They are willing to and do assist many students after school hours, during study halls, and at other times so that they may better understand their subjects. Through this type of help and the use of supervised study periods as a part of each classroom period, much will be accomplished.

More and more as the weeks go by we are convinced that Pioneer Valley Regional School is a well-planned school. Although it has an appearance of spaciousness and beauty, it is very practical and functional. The development and completion of the library and auditorium during the past year has aided materially in improving the overall educational program. Increased use is being made of all these facilities.

The Class of 1958

Byron Ward Beckwith
David Roger William Billings
David Lawrence Britton
*Nancy Elaine Coates
Julia Laurel Cram
James English Dresser, Jr.
John Andrew Fleming
Carol May Gerrish
Theodore Luther Gibson
Stephanie Horton
**Cora Jane Hurlburt
Sherwood Francis Lenois
Jerome Joseph Lessard
**Charlotte Elizabeth Marcotte
*John Peak Morgan
Nancy Lee Oakman
Elinor Joyce Powers
Russell Ernest Reed
Irving Britton Seager
Judith Ann Shippa
Audrey Ann Smith
David Wendell Streeter
Ellen Margaret Sullivan
John Harold Thayer
*Harry Clarence White
Alice Jean Williams

**with highest honor

*with high honor

It is always interesting and significant to know what the graduates of a school are doing. Eleven of our twenty-six graduates are now enrolled in schools of higher learning. This represents 42% of the class. Six of these eleven and a post graduate student are now enrolled in four-year colleges which include the University of Massachusetts (3), Syracuse University, Our Lady of the Elms, Providence Bible College, and Keene Teachers' College. Two students attend commercial colleges, one is at Stockbridge, School of Agriculture, one is in nurse's training and one at a technical school. Four boys have entered the service and the remaining eleven students are either working or have married.

Prizes and Awards

The following prizes, awards and honors were given during the course of the year:

D. A. R. Good Citizen—Nancy Coates.

Good Government Day Representative—David Billings; alternate, Marianne Smith

Boys' State Representatives—Richard Leach, Norman Deane, Curtis Shine

Girls' State Representatives—Dorothy Given, Rebecca Jackson

I Speak for Democracy—Sally Sheldon

Pioneer Valley Union Teachers Association ($175)—John Morgan

Baush & Lomb Science Award—Harry White

Massachusetts Scholarship Award—($300)—Harry White

Jenness Memorial Award (Excellence in English)—Charlotte Marcotte

Isaac B. Snow Awards (Two highest ranking students from Bernardston)—Charlotte Marcotte, Cora Hurlburt.

Bernardston P.T.A. Scholarship—($100)—Cora Hurlburt.

Problems

It is quite evident that although much progress has been made in improving the educational program of our students during the past year, much work needs to be done in a few areas. None of these can be accomplished unless there is full cooperation among students, parents and teachers.

The first of these is the necessity for a more serious attitude toward school work. A high percentage of our students are thoroughly interested in obtaining the best education possible. They have a healthy outlook on life and seem to have definite goals in view. Their work is praiseworthy and of high standing. This group is becoming larger but not at a rate that is desired. There are far too many boys and girls in school today who are present for the fun they can get out of it or because of law requirements. They never seem to take school work seriously and many times hinder others from getting the

education they desire. Much work and guidance needs to be done with this group so that the entire educational program will be improved.

A second area that needs improvement is in the preparation of homework assignments. There are few, if any, students who do not need to do some work each night at home. The better student and the student with college ambitions needs to spend at least an hour or two at home each evening uninterrupted by any outside influence. If this is true of the better students, it follows that all other students need to spend at least an equivalent amount of time. Only through the proper study atmosphere at home—the time, the place and the light necessary—can a student get himself into the habit of doing a good job of the daily preparation of his school work. This is not his responsibility alone, but needs parental control, guidance and cooperation.

In Conclusion

It has been most gratifying to have the fine support and cooperation of our Superintendent, Mr. Turner, the members of the school committee, teachers, students, and other personnel, and the parents and citizens of our fine towns. Through their continued fine support and cooperation we shall go forth to make Pioneer Valley Regional School an outstanding high school.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. LEONARD, Principal

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL FACULTY

Name	Subjects	Where Educated
Mr. George M. Leonard	Principal	Bridgewater Teachers College, B.S. Boston University, M.Ed.
Mr. Robert C. Upham	Assistant Principal Guidance U. S. History Problems of Democracy	Plymouth Teachers College, B.Ed. Columbia Teachers College, M.A. *Keene Teachers College *Syracuse University
Miss Evelyn Lawley	Assistant Principal Mathematics, Guidance	Smith College, A.B., A.M.
Mrs. Edith Aldrich	English, French	University of Massachusetts, B.S.
Mr. Conrad S. Bayley	English, Speech	Tufts University, A.B. *College of the City of New York *University of Massachusetts
Mr. John Callahan	Chemistry General Science	Keene Teachers College, B.Ed. Boston University, M.Ed.
Mr. Kenneth Cook, Jr.	Mathematics	*Wesleyan University Bates College, A.B. *Andover Newton Theological School

Name	Subjects	Where Educated
Mr. Eugene Gancarz	Band and Mathematics	Boston University, B.M., M.M.
Mrs. Beryle Hammond	Homemaking	University of New Hampshire, B.S. *University of Massachusetts
Mr. William Messer	Physical Education Social Studies	Springfield College, B.S. *University of Vermont
Mr. John Miles	English General Language Driver Education	Massachusetts State Teachers College B.S.Ed.
Mr. Brian L. Overdorff	Agriculture	*American International College University of Massachusetts, B.S.
Mr. Reinhold A. Rasmussen	Biology General Science	University of Massachusetts, B.S. *Keene Teachers College
Miss Eleanor Smiley	Physical Education Health, Science	Arnold College, B.S.
Mrs. Mary Sullivan	Commercial	Burdett College Normal School *Boston University *Boston College
Mr. Linwood R. Wallace	Industrial Arts	Gorham State Teachers College, B.S.
Mr. John Trumbull	Social Studies	University of Massachusetts, B.A.

Name	Subjects	Where Educated
Mrs. Thelma K. Yeager	English, Latin Speech	Bates College, A.B. Boston University, M.A. Summer Session, U.M.
Mrs. Janet L. Young	English	*University of Illinois Indiana University, A.B.
Mrs. Ruth Young	Business, Mathematics	American International College, B.S., M.A. *University of Mass. Extension
Miss Dorothy Eccles	Music Supervisor	New England Conservatory *Boston University Summer School
Miss Bessie Moore	Art Supervisor	Fitchburg Normal School Columbia Teachers College, B.S., M.A.

School Nurse

Mrs. Dorothy Streeter, R. N.

Custodians

Mr. Edward Fortier, Head
Mr. Ning Der

School Doctor

Dr. Ansel B. True

Cafeteria Workers

Mrs. Agnes Wickey, Head
Mrs. Nellie Barber
Mrs. Olive Stone

*Attended without graduation

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report of the Treasurer

January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958

Balance on hand December 31, 1957		86,644.87
RECEIPTS		
Proceeds of $150,00 U. S. Treasury Bills maturing Jan. 10, 1958—cost on Oct. 10, 1957	$148,663.50	
Interest received	1,336.50	
		150,000.00
Proceeds of $50,000 U. S. Treasury Bills maturing April 17, 1958—cost on Jan. 20, 1958	49,697.92	
Interest received	302.08	
		50,000.00
Received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as follows:		
Reimbursement and aid on construction of school		43,785.66
Reimbursement for transportation of pupils		24,702.42
Distribution of U.S. Grant of George Barden Funds:		
For salary and travel of Agricultural Instructor	4,250.00	
For salaries of Evening Practical Arts Instructors	1,100.00	
		5,350.00
Interest on deposits in savings banks		2,428.44
Assessments received from towns as follows:		
Bernardston	69,512.58	
Northfield	113,812.41	
Warwick	25,356.06	
		208,681.05
School lunch collections and allotments from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts		18,398.17
Athletic Fund receipts		801.05
The Recorder Publishing Co.—rebate of 1957 charges		2.18
Tuition received as follows:		
Town of Erving	307.75	
Town of Leyden	4,187.37	
Town of Guilford, Vt.	316.06	
		4,811.18

Miscellaneous receipts as follows:			
Use of building	237.50		
Evening registrations, tuitions	606.30		
Collections for breakage and sale of materials	384.03		
		1,227.83	
Total Receipts			510,187.98
			$598,832.85

DISBURSEMENTS

Purchase of $50,00 U. S. Treasury Bills due April 17, 1958 @ 99.395833		$49,697.92
Salary and travel expenses of vocational agriculture teacher		4,167.07
Cafeteria salaries and supplies		19,191.39
School Athletic Fund—transportation, referee charges and miscellaneous expenses		893.51
Salaries of Evening Practical Arts instructors		825.00
Operating Budget:		
General Control	7,160.20	
Expenses of Instruction	81,201.17	
Student Supplies	5,574.64	
Textbooks	2,875.62	
Operation of School Plant	22,947.34	
Maintenance of School Plant	134.72	
Auxiliary Agencies	7,691.39	
Transportation	27,722.11	
		155,307.19
School Construction Account:		
Construction	62,003.51	
Equipment	19,546.42	
Insurance	26.34	
		81,576.27
Redemption of $5,000 Pioneer Valley Regional School District 2.20% School bonds dated May 1, 1955, and due May 1, 1958		5,000.00
Redemption of $70,000 Pioneer Valley Regional School District 2.75% School bonds dated July 1, 1956, and due July 1, 1958		70,000.00
Interest on Pioneer Valley Regional School District bonds as follows:		
due May 1, 1958 on $80,000	880.00	
due Nov. 1, 1958 on $75,000	825.00	
due Jan. 1, 1958 on $1,280,000	17,600.00	
due July 1, 1958 on $1,280,000	17,600.00	
		36,905.00
Total disbursements		423,563.35

Balance on hand as follows:		
Cash in checking account	103,682.97	
Reserve for maturing debt		
(Savings deposits)	71,586.53	
		175,269.50
		$598,832.85

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD A. KING,
Treasurer

The Following Budgets Have Been Adopted by the Committee:

CAPITAL BUDGET

Maturing Debt, May 1959		5,000.00
Maturing Debt, July 1959		70,000.00
Interest $75,000 May	825.00	
Interest $70,000 November	770.00	
Interest $1,210,000 January	16,637.50	
Interest $1,210,000 July	16,637.50	
		34,870.00
Total Capital Budget		109,870.00
Against this amount we are applying:		
State Aid Building Reimbursement	43,785.66	
Appropriate from		
Savings Interest and		
Interest on Treasury Bills	3,800.00	
Reserve for Maturing Debt	9,000.00	
		56,585.66
From Bernardston, Northfield and Warwick		53,284.34

OPERATING BUDGET

General Control	7,900.00
Instruction	103,698.00
Student Supplies	5,000.00
Text Books	2,500.00
Operation of School Plant	27,000.00
Maintenance	500.00
Auxiliary Agencies	8,050.00
Transportation	30,000.00
Adult Education	1,000.00
County Assessments	787.12
	186,435.12

Less Following Credits:			
Anticipated Revenue			
Transportation	22,500.00		
Tuition	6,492.02		
Geo. Barden Funds	2,933.00		
Ev. Prac. Art	100.00		
Adult Classes	500.00		
		32,525.02	
Net Operating Budget			153,910.10

Registration	Oct. 1	Dec. 1	Capital Percentage
Northfield	187	186	57.7
Bernardston	111	112	30.8
Warwick	45	44	11.5
	343	342	100.0

	TOWN SHARES			
	Northfield	Bernardston	Warwick	Total
Capital	30,745.06	16,411.58	6,127.70	53,284.34
Operating	83,807.98	50,105.04	19,997.08	153,910.10
Total	114,553.04	66,516.62	26,124.78	207,194.44

Playground Committee Report

Northfield's first town-supported summer playground program extended for four weeks, July 7 to August 1. The Director was William R. Compton of Mount Hermon, assisted by Joyce E. Fuller and Sally Sheldon of Northfield. Designed for older children on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and for the younger children on Tuesday and Thursday, the daily program ran from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon daily. A total of 115 children registered for the program, and the average daily attendance was 38 for both the younger and the older groups.

The daily program consisted of individual and group games, arts and crafts, special projects, and special programs and contests.

The Committee feels that the program was successful in filling a need for organized part time summer recreation for Northfield children. The Committee recommends a similar appropriation of $500.00 for 1959, and that the age limit be lowered one year to include children ready to enter the first grade.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM H. HAWLEY, Chairman
ELIZABETH D. SCOTT, Secretary
DOROTHY M. HAMMOND

Water Purchase Committee

The Committee feels the town should make some move to secure control of the Northfield Water Co. to safeguard its future supply and when the price seems in line with facilities as at the present.

The Committee considers the asking price as fair and reasonable and the fact remains that eventually if not taken over by the town or a water district this business may go to outside interests who may not continue the dependable service a reasonable rates as have the present owners.

In many ways there might be advantages to actual town ownership with town personnel in either highway or fire departments who could look after many details without costing the town much extra. We do have to supply full time work for many of these men and much maintenance could be done in off seasons from other work.

The town also, in this case could utilize the approximately $14,000 in the Rehabilitation Fund and would have then to float a much smaller bond issue.

It seems reasonable to expect this department can be operated on a self-supporting basis and this committee strongly recommends this be done. That all water revenue be utilized only for water purposes and that all maintenance and costs be paid from these funds. Then even if the town did buy it, the people receiving service would be paying the bills from water rent paid.

From the balance sheets for the past years of the Northfield Water Co. they have always made a reasonable profit and at least one of their big business expenses has been taxes—Town, State and Federal income taxes. This past year these costs amounted to slightly more than $1016. The town, of course, would lose $686 in taxes whether town or district owned, but this tax cost would not enter into costs of the department and even if less efficiently operated it does not seem likely it would cost $1000 more to operate per year than under present ownership.

It takes a special bill through legislature to set up a water district and might require six or more months to organize. This Committee feels the town should now vote to buy this property while it is available and at a fair price. If town ownership is not desired by the majority then a water district should be set up as soon as possible and bonded to replace to the town all costs in relation to this purchase.

We all agree that eventually facilities will have to be increased and either through the planning board or a water commission, a long range program should be set up with plans to try to keep this department on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Property values and insurance rates of our entire Main Street here in Northfield, including all town-owned buildings, as well as most of the side and back streets are dependent on good water service. The

possibility of ever getting new business into town and supplying new homes depends on water. We recommend the town vote to buy this water supply now and then vote for a program to insure its care.

Respectfully submitted

CORYS M. HESELTON, Chairman
LEE H. SHELDON
HARVEY H. HATHEWAY

ASSETS OF NORTHFIELD WATER COMPANY

162 Acres of land including the reservoir and in 3 lots which join.

165 Customers
150 Meters in Operation 6-8 extras
16 Fire Hydrants

Approximate measurements of pipes:
1.3 Miles of 6 Inch Cast Iron Mains (Reservoir to Main St.)
.9 Miles of 6 Inch Transite Mains
(Main St.—Dick Hillers to Samuel Lane House)
1790 Feet of 4 Inch Transite Mains
5649 Feet of 2 Inch Galvanized Mains

Price asked as of March 1, 1959: $25,000.00

NORTHFIELD WATER COMPANY

Northfield Water Company

NORTHFIELD, MASS.

Statement of Operations
For the Year Ended December 31, 1958

Water Rents	$4,044.30	
Interest	78.59	
		$4,122.89
Operating Expense:		
Operation and Maintenance	1,142.31	
General Expense	794.32	
State Taxes	45.36	
Town Taxes	688.60	
Federal Income Taxes	282.95	
Depreciation	509.12	
		$3,462.62
		660.23
Less: Dividends Paid		630.00
Balance to Surplus		$ 30.23

Northfield Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the the county of Franklin, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the

TOWN HALL

in said Northfield on Monday the second day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year;

Town Clerk, Town Treasurer for one year, Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, Town Moderator for one year, one School Committee Member for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, Tree Warden for one year, three Constables for one year, one Constable for one year, a resident of Northfield Farms, and one Member of the Planning Board for five years.

The polls will open at ten A.M. and close at eight P.M.

And you are also directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 3, 1959, at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the Reports of the several Town Officers, and act thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1959, and to issue a note or notes thereof, payable within one year, and to renew such notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the

General Laws: any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1959.

Article 3. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town, or act thereon.

Article 4. To hear the report of the Finance Committee with regard to their recommendations for changes in salaries of Town Officers.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends

Selectmen and Welfare Boards:			Moderator		$ 25
Chairman	$375	$75	Treasurer		950
Other Members	325	75	Tax Collector		1,000
Assessors			Town Clerk		550
Each Member	100		P.V.R.S. Committee		
School Committee			Each Member		100
Each Member	100				

Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary for salaries and other Town Charges, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends

Moderator Salary	$25	Town Hall Maintenance	5,300
Expense	15	Constable Pay, Exp. & Equip.	750
Selectmen & Welfare Board		Fire Dept. Salaries	250
Salary	1,250	Fire Dept. Operating Acct.	2,550
Expense	350	Water Holes	200
Town Accountant Salary	1,000	Public Safety	50
Expense	75	Wire Inspector	50
Legal Expense	250	Sealer of W. & M. Sal.	
Treasurer Salary	950	& Exp.	200
Expense	400	Tree Warden Acct	800
Assessors Salary	900	Dog Officer & Exp.	175
Expense	300	Public Health	1,300
Finance Committee Expense	25	Nurse & Substitute	2,800
Town Clerk Salary	550	Expense	75
Expense	100	Car Expense	300
Elections & Registrations	900	Inspection of Animals	200
Planning Board Expense	50	Insp. Meat & Slaughter	50

Mach. Maint. Acct. (Transfer from Road Mach. Fund	5,000	P.V.R.S.D Capital Budget	30,745.06
Hwy. Supt. Expense	125	P.V.R.S.D. Oper. Budget	83,807.98
Tools for Hwy. Work	100	Alexander Hall	250
Snow Removal	8,000	Fire & Casualty Ins.	6,135
Hwy. Bounds, Surveys & Plans	250	Interest	300
Pub. Welfare Adm.	3,000	Damages	300
General Relief	4,000	Town Clock & Fountain .	125
Old Age Assistance 39,000		Town Reports	900
Aid to Dep. Children ...	4,000	Foreclosure Cost Tax Titles	300
Disability Assistance	2,500	Prot. Tax Title Property	25
Soldier's Relief	2,500	Memorial Day Celebration	275
School Committee Salary	300	Fence Viewers	25
P.V.R.S. Committee Salary	300	Field Drivers	25
Elementary Schools 97,000		Fire Station Bonds	
Tax Collector (Salary)	1,000	Maturing Debt	3,000
		Interest	1,116
		(Expense)	500

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money or otherwise provide for the purchase of a check writer for the Town Treasurer, or act theron.

The Finance Committee recommends $120.00

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as clerk of the Board, and that the salary be $700.00 in accordance with Section 4a, Chapter 41, General Laws, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

The Finance Committee recommends $700.00

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Fire Department to use to purchase hose and other miscellaneous equipment, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $1,185.00

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to pay Howard Williams salary as Forest Warden for the Year 1957, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $100.00

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Fire Station and Town Garage, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $1,900.00

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to combat Dutch Elm Disease, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $2,200.00

Article 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for insect pest control and other public nuisances, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $1,000.00

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Tree Warden to start a Tree Nursery on School Street in the rear of the Fire Station and to purchase lining out stock and materials as required for the same, to provide shade tree replacements as needed to replace those lost by disease and other causes, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $400.00

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civil Defense Purposes, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and the Civil Defense Committee, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $365.00

Article 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of state highways, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $4,950.00 and to transfer $18,150.00 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $4,000.00 and to transfer $12,000.00 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 maintenance, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate $1500.00 and transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of $3,000.00.

Article 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for bridges, railings and highway work, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $3,500.00

Article 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairs and new construction of sidewalks, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $1,000.00

Article 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $6,586.00 for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $6,586.

Article 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $150.00 for the use of the Field Library at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $150.00

Article 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $6,000.00 for the operation of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this sum to include the fines collected and the dog tax, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $6,000.00

Article 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the playground and athletic field, this sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $400.00

Article 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to finance a summer playground program for the children of Northfield and authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to make provision for the same, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

Article 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 to be used to purchase fish to be liberated in the streams of Northfield, under the supervision of the Selectmen, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $200.00

Article 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, transfer, or otherwise convey all right title and interest of the Town in the West Northfield School so-called, or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends

Article 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for necessary repairs to discontinued School Buildings, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $100.00

Article 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of cemeteries, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $2,200.00

Article 30. To see if the Town will transfer a sum of money from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund to purchase additional land, .26 acres more or less described as follows: Beginning at a point in the easterly side of Gill Road so-called said point being the southwest corner of the Mount Hermon Cemetery; thence southerly along land of Louis F. and Elsie L. Davis 93.70 feet to a corner; thence westerly along land conveyed by David Stevens to Richard Bassett in 1958 135.78 feet to the easterly line of the Gill Road; thence northerly in the easterly line of the Gill Road 80.59 feet to the place of beginning, situated south of the Mount Hermon Cemetery, to be used for cemetery purposes or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $200.00

Article 31. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Committee appointed by the Moderator under Article 34 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 4, 1958 to study the advisability of purchasing the Northfield Water Company, or act thereon.

Article 32. To see if the Town will authorize the purchase of the Northfield Water Company and raise by taxation and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, or borrow any sum or sums of money, for the payment thereof, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends further study.

Article 33. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for hydrant service for 16 hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Company for fire protection, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $400.00

Article 34. To see if the Town will transfer the balance from the appropriation for the purchase of the four-wheel drive truck (Article 1, Special Town Meeting Nov. 24, 1958) to Machinery Maintenance, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends

Article 35. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to investigate the possibility and advisability of moving the Belcher Memorial Fountain to reduce the hazardous traffic condition at the intersection of Warwick and Parker Avenues and Main Street, or act thereon.

Article 36. To see if the Town will accept Chapter 41, Section 97 of the General Laws, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expense of a Police Chief, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

Article 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to recondition the drain thru the ditch lot so-called, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee does not recommend.

Article 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $60.00 to pay a bill for an estimate of necessary repairs to the Town Clock, submitted December 18, 1958 by Howard Clock Products, Inc., or act thereon.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Overlay Reserve, a sum of money for a Reserve Fund for the current year, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends $3,000.00

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to be used by the Assessors in determining the 1959 Tax Rate, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends $25,000.00

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices at Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, and Tenney Farms Filling Station at Northfield Farms in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this second day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine.

ROBERT P. BARNES

STANLEY WICKEY

CORYS M. HESELTON

Selectmen of Northfield

FACTS ABOUT NORTHFIELD

Incorporated	1723
Population	2,239 (1955)
Form of Government	Town Meeting
Tax Rate, 1958	$88.00
Number of Dwellings	744 (1958)
Real Estate Valuation	$2,346,275
Personal Property	$228,160
Public Schools	Elementary School
	Pioneer Valley Regional School
Private Schools	The Northfield School for Girls
Fire Protection	Three Fire Engines Phone 521
Town Highways	67 Miles
Public Libraries	Dickinson Memorial
	Field Library at Northfield Farms
Altitude	309 ft. (at Town Hall)
Rail Roads	Boston & Maine
	Central Vermont
Water Supply	East Northfield Water Co.
	Northfield Water Co.
	Dry Swamp Aqueduct Co.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

EIGHTH COUNCILLOR DISTRICT

FRANKLIN-HAMPSHIRE SENATORIAL DISTRICT

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Leverett Saltonstall — John B. Kennedy

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Silvio O. Conte

GOVERNOR
Foster Furcolo

COUNCILLOR
Ray Sullivan

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Robert Murphy

STATE SENATOR
Ralph Mahar

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Philip F. Whitmore

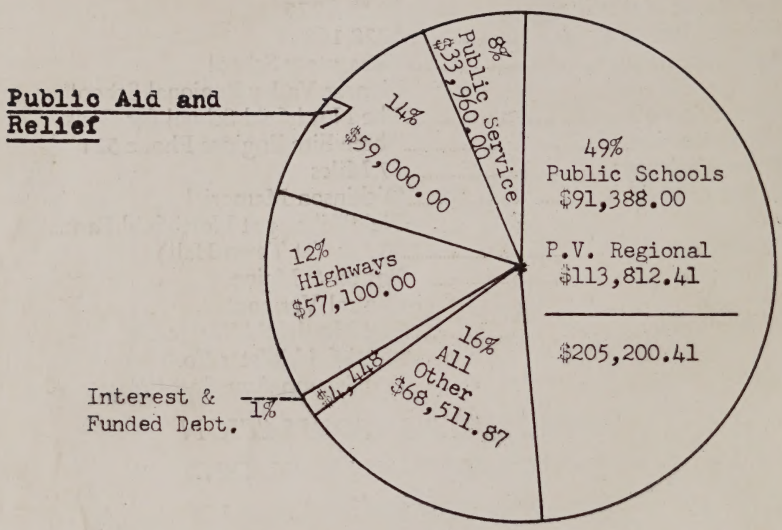
FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Harry Koch, Chairman

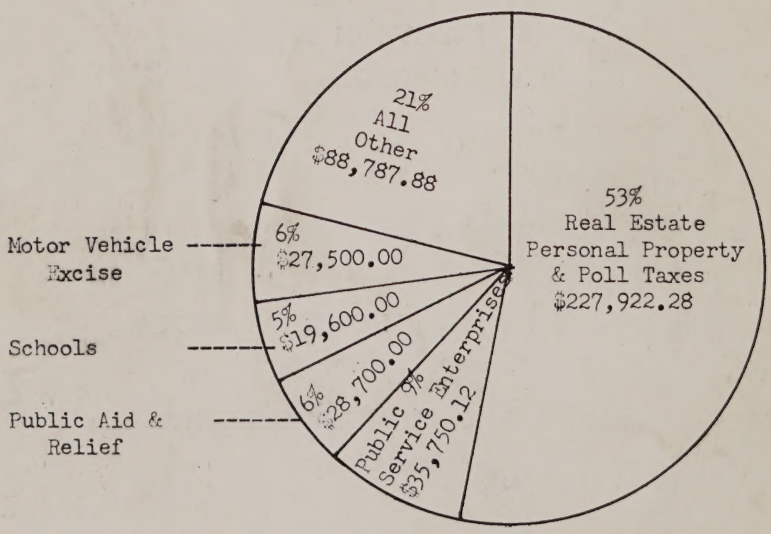
Frank Reed — Delbert A. Witty

Harvey H. Hatheway
Northfield
Mass.

1958 TOWN EXPENDITURES



1958 TOWN RECEIPTS & REIMBURSEMENTS



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